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## FRANCE FOLLOWS BRITAIN IN COMPLETELY REORGANIZING HIGH COMMAND; SMALL WAR COUNCIL

**Briand Government Accepts Proposal, Which is Supported by Almost Entire Chamber of Deputies; One in Six of the Men of Country Are in the Fighting Line**

Paris, Dec. 9.—(By Fred B. Pitney.)—Complete reorganization of the French high command, possible changes in the membership of the government and the concentration of the conduct of the war in a council of four or five men will be the result of the resolution adopted almost without dissent Thursday in the Chamber of Deputies.

This action, it is expected, will lead to a prompt and effective prosecution of the war, and it will also relieve France of a part of the burden she has been carrying. It is estimated that one Frenchman out of every six of the population now is actively engaged in the war, as compared with one Englishman in ten and one Russian in twenty.

The government will accept the demand of the secret session for a reorganization of the high command and for a war council of a small number. Briand will be able to satisfy the chamber on the events in Roumania and Greece, and satisfaction will be given in regard to the Salonica expedition.

The reorganization of the high command is the essence of the work of the secret session. The government remains unchanged, as the resolution of confidence was carried by a show of hands without division. The public session following the secret meeting of the chamber, began at 5 o'clock and within 20 minutes it was evident what the result would be.

Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber, read twenty orders of the day, whereupon Premier Briand, speaking from his seat, announced that the government would accept the fourth on the list, which called for a reorganization of the high command and expressed confidence in the government.

There still remained an exciting time. The vote was taken, at least a dozen speakers insisting upon expressing their views in public and the purpose of most of them was to attack the government and often Briand directly. A few, however, among whom were ex-Ministers Noulans and Millerand, defended the government. Millerand, who spoke from his place, arising amid mingled hoots and cheers, declared that the government had his confidence and would receive his vote. Some attacks on Briand, notably by Comper and Morel, brought in the name of Calvaux as a possible head of the government. As the hour grew late the chamber refused to listen to more speeches and demanded a vote. An attempt was made to introduce a resolution censuring the government, but a division was taken on the question whether the resolution which Briand had announced he would accept, should have the priority, and when, in a total of 312 votes it appeared that the government had a majority of 278 there remained the details to be settled.

The first paragraph of the resolution was the one dealing with the high command, and it was accepted without division, but a division was demanded on the second paragraph, based on Albert Favre's statement that France was putting on in six of her population into the fighting ranks, England one in 10, Italy one in 11 and Russia one in 20, and calling for a more equal distribution of the burden among the allies.

The vote gave the government a majority of 184, and the resolution was accepted on a show of hands. The Petit Journal says: "The two principal points of the resolution adopted are the reorganization of high command and the reduction of the number of men in the government who have charge of the general conduct of the war. Moreover, to change and reorganize the high command will be only following the example of other countries concerned in the war."

In Russia, the Grand Duke Nicholas began the war in the chief command, and he was replaced by Alexeff, who in his turn was superseded. In Germany the progression has been Moltke, Falkenhayn and Hindenburg, and in England French and Haig. Moreover, England is now changing her government and adopting the principle of a smaller war council. Finally, there has been understood here the urgency of not losing time in long palaverings. There is no use in trying to indicate what generals are being considered for the high command, or what changes there will be in the ministry."

The Petit Journal also said: "The result of the secret session will be to bring profound changes in both the ministry and the high command. There are two important facts to be noted in the distribution of votes in the chamber yesterday. First, after the secret session of last June the Briand government obtained a vote of confidence without mandatory provisions. The vote then stood 410 against 27, and the resolution was presented by the representatives of all groups of the chamber. Yesterday's resolution was proposed, not by all the groups, but by a small number of deputies acting in their personal capacity, and among those deputies were no members of the Right, of the unified Socialists, or of the Progressives."

## CANADA'S DUTY TO SAVE CIVILIZATION

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Appeals to Compatriots in Own Constituency**

**HUNS WOULD SET WORLD BACK FIVE CENTURIES**

Quebec, Dec. 9.—In a strongly patriotic address delivered yesterday afternoon, to thousands of his Quebec East constituents, Sir Wilfrid Laurier urged upon Canadians, and especially French-Canadians, their duty in the crisis which has been reached in the war. He urged them to enlist, and elaborated a number of points in his address to show that this was their duty. He declared against any idea of conscription.

St. Peter's Market Hall, in East Quebec, was crowded to the doors, while many gathered outside to await the Liberal leader's appearance. He was given a rousing reception. "I am here to say that I favor recruiting down here, the system of voluntary enlistment," said Sir Wilfrid. "We have no conscription here, and will have none. It is not to force that we want to appeal, but to sentiment, to your hearts and to your better feelings."

In his address Sir Wilfrid declared he was proud to return to his constituents, in the riding he had represented in parliament for nearly 40 years. He traced his fortunes and the destinies of the Liberal party and the country during that period, and referred to the party's defeat in 1911, declaring they "had fallen with their heads high, and leaving a record against which nothing could be said."

"You all know," he added, "that the main issue in the province of Quebec at the last election was not reciprocity, but the naval question, and the cries of our adversaries were all about the navy. You know, too, that events at the outbreak of the war had proved the justification of the Liberal government's naval policy."

"I have come with the intention of giving you all my thought, to tell you the truth as I understand it, and to present my conception of the duty that falls upon us as a nation under the present circumstances."

Turning to the growth of the Dominion during the 40 years he has been in public life, Sir Wilfrid pointed out that cities have grown up and referred to Vancouver, on the Pacific coast. "We have to provide for the defence of these cities and our coasts," he declared, "for when England is at war Canada is at war. The war has given us a brutal confirmation of this. When the war broke out in 1914 there was a panic on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, at Halifax and Vancouver. It was known that there were German cruisers in the Pacific, and the moment war broke out these cities were open to attack. This is justification of the statement that when England is at war Canada is at war."

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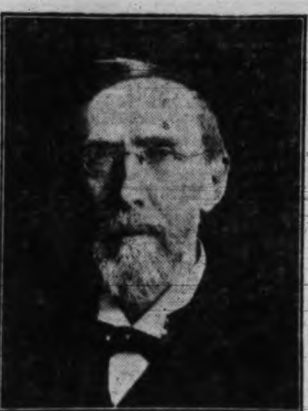
## PAPER INDUSTRY TO BE AIDED IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 9.—The government has decided to prohibit the importation of printing paper, according to a semi-official statement. The object of the step is two-fold, to help raise the exchange and to encourage the French paper industry, which it is considered, in view of the local resource in lumber, should be independent of foreign supplies.

## FIFTY LIVES LOST IN EXPLOSIVES PLANT

Turin, Italy, Dec. 9.—An explosion has occurred in the Alexandria explosives plant. It is feared that more than 50 persons have been killed. The cause of the disaster has not yet been established.

## EXPECTED TO ASSUME DUTIES IN LONDON



SIR GEORGE E. FOSTER, M. P.  
Minister of trade and commerce.

## MINOR STATES SEEK PEACE.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representatives of sixteen minor European nationalities suffering in the war, will present protests at a conference of oppressed or dependent nationalities, to be held here to-morrow and Monday.

## ENSLAVEMENT OF BELGIUM CRIES TO HEAVEN, WRITES ROBERT W. CHAMBERS; HIS APPEAL TO PEOPLE OF STATES

**Noted Author Makes Passionate Plea to Americans to Protest to Their President and Congressmen Until Action Has Been Taken to Stop the Most "Abominable Devilry Practised in This War"**

New York, Dec. 9.—Robert W. Chambers, the author, writes: Of all the abominable devilry practised in this most hellish war, the condemnation to slavery of the Belgian nation is the most damnable.

Is this nation going to say nothing? Do nothing? This nation which fought one war to preserve itself from human slaves and which fought another to abolish from the land a human slavery no less vile!

Is this nation going to remain seated without time to dress properly, to eat, to snatch up a cloak for warmth. They do not know their destination, nor do you. Perhaps the file of soldiers do not know, nor even, possibly, the officers in command. Only Prussian militarism knows, only the overseers of the supreme war lord—the great white slavers, William and Son, drivers of slaves, the German empire, dealers in and exploiters of human beings.

They may be herded into cattle cars without food, without clothing to keep them warm, without even a cup of water to quench their thirst. This already has happened to thousands. Forced to make munitions. They may be sent to work in iron mines, coal mines; they may be driven into the steel plants. Thousands already have been so driven—forced to work for their Prussian conquerors, forced to aid in making war munitions to be used against their own kin, their own people, their own native land.

For it is either that or the disciplinary resentment of Hohenzollern & Co., white slavers—either the Belgian slaves submit and go and accept the wages which permit them to exist a while longer on earth, or they refuse and are lashed into service without the pitiable stipend which might keep the remnant of their families from starvation.

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## CARSON FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY

London, Dec. 9.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that Sir Edward Carson has accepted the post of first lord of the admiralty and that Lord Milner will be a member of the war council without portfolio.

## ANOTHER SIR GEORGE AS HIGH COMMISSIONER

Montreal, Dec. 9.—"Sir George Perley will vacate the high commissioner-ship on Monday and establish his office as overseas minister of militia in Argyle House, Regent street," the Gazette's London correspondent cables. "As Sir George Perley is practically evacuating the acting high commissioner-ship, the expectation here seems to be that Sir George Foster will take up the duties," the dispatch adds.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, left last night for New York, en route to England, where he will help draft the report of the Dominions royal commission.

## RESIGNATION IS RUMORED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—A special dispatch to the Free Press from Washington says: "Your correspondent learns on the highest authority that Walter Hines Page tendered his resignation as United States ambassador to England several days ago. The informant let it be clearly understood that there is no political significance whatever in the resignation."

## FIGHTING ON VERDUN FRONT.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Artillery fighting occurred last night on the Verdun front in the region of Hill 204, the war office announces.

## UNITY OF EFFORT ESSENTIAL IN WAR

**Greater Aggressiveness and Vigor Needed, Says Baron Shaughnessy**

## CANADA ASSUMING A LARGE PART OF BURDEN

**Every Resource Must Be Utilized to Ensure Victory**

New York, Dec. 9.—Lord Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R.; J. W. Flavell, chairman of the Canadian munitions board, and Sir William White, minister of finance, were among the arrivals yesterday on the Finland.

Lord Shaughnessy returned to this country after spending a month in London, where he took his seat in the House of Lords, and conferred with the men directing British affairs. He said that he was greatly impressed with the attitude of Great Britain towards Canada. He is thoroughly imbued with the imperial spirit which, he declared, is the keynote of present British effort. "Britain's forges are burning fiercely, creating steel chains by which her integral parts will be bound together as never before," said Lord Shaughnessy. "It has been England's boast for many years that only a silken cord unites her to her overseas colonies, but that time is now past. The war has demonstrated that unity of effort and direction must continue."

"Canada has assumed a heavy portion of the burden of the war, far greater than anyone anticipated. Canadians have stood in critical positions and have held them. They have done men's work, fulfilling the terms of partnership existing between the various members in the empire. I believe that Canada will be a senior partner in the British empire, bearing an equal share of the burdens, reaping an equal proportionate share in the profits, and filling a prominent seat at the council table."

When asked his opinion regarding the cabinet changes, Lord Shaughnessy said that it was the outcome of a desire of the more aggressive party in the House of Commons to have a government with greater vigor. "The people of Great Britain wish to utilize every resource and every force at their command to insure victory. Britain desires peace just as soon as the demands made by her allies have been gained from Germany. Anything else is not victory," he declared.

William M. Ackworth, chairman of the London United railways and one of the leading men in England, was also a passenger on the Finland. Mr. Ackworth was recently appointed to assist Sir George Paish as a member of a committee of three to investigate and report on the condition of the Canadian railways, the other members being A. H. Smith, of the New York Central, and Sir Henry Drayton.

**BERLIN ADMITS GAIN BY RUSSIAN TROOPS**  
Berlin, Dec. 9.—Violent artillery fighting occurred on the Somme front yesterday, it is officially announced. A night advance against the German positions near Le Transloy was repulsed. Strong attacks were made yesterday by the Russians in the Carpathian front, the war office announces. North of Dorna Watra and south of the Trotus valley the Russians gained ground at the cost of heavy losses. In western Roumania several thousand more prisoners have been taken, as well as many cannon. The Roumanians are retreating rapidly. Since December 1 the Roumanians have lost more than 70,000 men and 18 cannon. Emperor Charles has visited the German general headquarters, where he conferred with Kaiser Wilhelm. Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorf were present.

## CONSTANTINE TO BE DEPOSED AND EXILED WITHIN COMING WEEK

**Allies Will Take Drastic Action With Re-creant King, Whose Intrigues With the Kaiser Have Rendered His Removal Necessary; Army to Be Disbanded; German Offensive Against Macedonia**

London, Dec. 9.—Within a week King Constantine, of Greece, will be an exile, deposed from his throne by the allies, and M. Venizelos will be in charge of the Greek government. The Greek army also will be disbanded. This is the expectation here.

King Constantine has brought his fate upon himself by persistent intriguing with the kaiser. Despite repeated warnings from the allies he regularly sends and receives messages from the kaiser through neutral diplomatic channels. Some of these messages have been intercepted and are now in the hands of the allies.

"From the information available it may be that the diplomatic crisis in Greece can be solved in a conciliatory manner calculated to satisfy the requirements of the powers and the dignity of Greece," says an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Athens to-day. "The situation is critical for Constantine, however."

## DISLODGED TEUTONS FROM TWO HEIGHTS

**Russian Troops in Northern Roumania Capture Prisoners and Guns**

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—Russian troops on the northern Roumanian front attacked the Teutonic forces in the Putna valley region yesterday and dislodged them from two heights, the war office announces. They took 500 prisoners, including 10 officers, 6 machine guns, 2 bomb mortars and 1 cannon.

In the province of Wallachia, says the official statement issued to-day, the Roumanian troops under unceasing hostile pressure continue to retire to the eastward. In consequence of this, it is added, the Russian troops who are on the left flank of the Roumanians are also retiring. The Novoe Vremya condemns the policy of the entente in "conducting interminable deliberations while King Constantine is waging open war on the allies."

"The government and court at Athens," says the newspaper, "are our enemies and in Germany's service. Why do we continue to recognize as a legitimate government authorities at Athens, who are reduced to acting as a section of the German staff?"

## CONTINUE TO SINK NEUTRAL SHIPPING

**Danish Steamship Sigurd Sent to Bottom; Three British Boats**

London, Dec. 9.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Danish steamship Sigurd, 2,115 tons gross, and of the British steamships Avistrian, 3,818 tons, Tonch, 5,629 tons, and Tanfield.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The German answer to the American inquiry regarding the sinking of the Sebeck has been dispatched to Washington. The steamer Sebeck, according to German information, was steaming without lights or any indication of its nationality in the immediate vicinity of a hostile naval port, and there were no means of distinguishing it from an enemy warship.

## GERMAN CRUISER SAID TO BE ON ATLANTIC

London, Dec. 14.—A German warship has succeeded in running the British cordon in the North Sea, according to the report of a ship captain, who says his vessel was held up and examined in the Atlantic. The vessel is not a converted merchantman, the captain said on his arrival here, but is a regular light cruiser. The report from the log of this captain has become widely known in local shipping circles and has caused widespread agitation for the conveying of merchantmen.

With Mackensen leading in the attack on Sarraïl's forces with strong units under his command there would be some doubt as to the ability of the allied troops, with their present strength, to withstand the blow.

Besides the military advantage that would accrue from the removal of the menace against the Vardar valley and the Oriental railroad, such an offensive, if successful, would have an extremely important material effect. The latest news from Greece, however, has cheered rather than depressed officials here, telegrams from Athens stating that the Greeks have been so subdued by the recent outbreak and the forceful measures taken by the entente that they are showing unmistakable signs of repentance and a desire for compromise. The blockade is likely to reduce them to an absolute submission to the demands of the allies, it is believed.

The recent political developments in London and Paris are likely to bring to an end the previous policy of the entente toward Athens.

## DOMINIONS INSIST ON HAVING REAL POWERS

**New Zealand's Premier Voices Opinion on Empire Council**

London, Dec. 9.—Premier Massey, of New Zealand, in an interview in the Times, says that the admission to the cabinet of Dominions' statesmen was a great point gained, but the Dominions would not accept as final any proposal restricting their representatives to merely advisory members.

There should be an empire council with a precise constitution which should be decided by an imperial conference, to be held without the least possible delay. The council should have the power to deal with practical problems such as imperial defence, food and raw material supply.

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## FISHERIES AGREEMENT SAID TO BE PENDING

Canadian and U. S. Governments Discuss One Affecting Both Coasts

Washington, Dec. 9.—Negotiations are under way for a permanent adjustment of all issues arising between the Canadian and American governments connected with fisheries not only on the Pacific coast, where troubles recently have been most acute, but on the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A general discussion of the international fisheries, it is learned, has grown out of the negotiations over disputes between American and British Columbia ports in regard to the Puget Sound and Southern Alaska fisheries.

The visit to Washington last summer of some British Columbia and Canadian officials, it now develops, marked the initiation of these negotiations, which have been going on quietly between officials in Ottawa and persons designated by the state department.

The necessity for a general and broad agreement instead of one dealing with the situation on the north-west border is said to have become apparent very soon, as retaliatory measures threatened to extend to the east coast.

"He—Will you go to the dance with me?" She—"I'm sorry, I can't. But I'll introduce you to a very handsome and clever girl whom you can take." He—"I don't want a handsome and clever girl; I want you."

## LABOR PROTESTS AT ALIEN IMPORTATIONS

Claim That in Construction Work There is No Shortage of Men

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—To protest against the importation of alien labor into Canada from the United States to work in munitions plants, and especially in construction work, until such time as it is shown that there is a shortage of that class of labor in Canada, was the mission of an important delegation of organized labor leaders, which waited on Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, and Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of the interior, yesterday. J. C. Watt, president, and P. M. Draper, secretary, of the trades and labor congress of Canada headed the delegation.

The cabinet ministers called in W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration, who expressed doubts that such a state of affairs as the labor men claimed existed. The labor men said that they had bona fide evidence that men were being imported from across the border to do work, particularly in the building trade, which could quite readily be performed by Canadian workers. The labor men said that they did not object to munitions experts being brought in, but, they declared, it was yet to be shown there was a shortage of labor in Canada, and they protested against the influx of aliens to do work in munitions factories.

The ministers promised careful consideration of the matter, and said that investigations would be made by government officials. Mr. Scott said he would produce documentary evidence to show that the conditions were not as stated by the labor men.

## MANY CANADIAN OFFICERS MOVED

Large Number Leave England for Duty at the Front

London, Dec. 8.—The following Canadian officers have gone overseas: Lieut. K. G. McKelborough, S. W. Gregory, W. H. Bryans, D. E. Thomas, J. P. Frost, A. G. Glean, J. J. Moore, L. C. Monkman, A. C. McKenzie, L. B. Macguffe, G. B. Fuzzy, E. F. Wood, J. R. Wimpenny, J. Maitland, A. McLean, G. F. Lucas, J. McHarty, A. G. Donaldson, T. Dudley, A. B. Rower, W. J. Burton, M. R. Ford, N. Manning, E. R. Hoskins, W. Henderson, P. Jeffries, L. R. James, J. D. Ponton, A. S. Cole, J. L. Downey, F. G. Gillingswater, F. H. Hind, F. L. Phillips, M. A. Orford, T. W. Anderson, H. J. Auklar, J. F. Askwith, T. W. Doles, W. L. Black, C. W. Ball, T. Thorpe, R. W. Course, W. H. Ratkes, J. W. Hinkaman, O. H. Matthews, A. G. Read, T. Weir, J. M. Anderson, R. Batson, J. Swinton, J. M. Smith, W. L. Cook, R. W. Donaldson, W. Allan, J. T. Dempster, L. G. Gauld, S. J. Waite, A. Forster, A. Sanderson, H. C. Contable, A. A. Kipping, F. H. McCallum, H. J. Workman, J. Carey, F. North, N. W. Symonds, F. H. Westbeare, P. H. Whelpley, H. Young, R. W. Taylor, W. R. Taylor, J. F. Simmons, W. McIlhott, C. C. Davis, J. J. Gough, G. L. Reeks, W. E. Ross, C. E. Slater, O. A. Rowan, R. W. Reid, J. McCallum, R. E. Jardine, H. C. Crawford, B. O. Mills, I. W. Tinkess, R. M. Myers, H. P. Lewis, H. E. Johnson, G. W. Foote, W. L. Mahwinney, R. C. Kilvert, J. D. Purchase, B. B. Tassick, W. J. Leslie, J. G. Burt, J. D. Dempsey, A. T. Field, F. Gray, J. G. McKeever, F. S. Frick, S. Bailey, J. G. Planch, W. G. Cairns, O. Harrington, F. B. Smith, T. A. Rowat, H. A. Macdougall, J. E. New, W. S. Arthur, R. H. Hall, J. G. Rolph, A. E. Jarvis, C. P. Scott, W. A. Reddock, G. E. Murray, J. F. Stewart, W. A. McGregor, E. J. Vanhatten, W. B. Crain, A. K. Henderson, A. M. Sutherland, G. H. Ryan, S. Wood, H. M. Loton, W. V. Tobias, C. J. Mackenzie, E. G. Savage, A. A. Allan, C. E. Kinton, C. S. Macpherson, L. A. Naylor, A. E. McLean, W. J. Gower, D. V. Ketcher, A. Ritchie, C. R. Gilpin, G. H. Gilbert, A. H. Thring, M. A. Jordan, J. A. Wallace, J. Neil, L. A. Gritton, E. P. Dalton, G. Lowrie, H. M. Thomas, H. L. Satevey, A. C. Hansford, K. Lormer, A. F. Mott, N. B. Tomkins, W. M. Waller, G. Granger, P. M. Paley, E. B. Puley, S. B. Plummer, R. Shannon, L. D. Dawson, J. D. Matheson, C. E. Miller, A. Pethrick, E. A. Abbey, H. Bennett, L. Dunsford, J. D. Flack, L. C. Innes, W. J. Nesbitt, J. A. Adams, R. Andrews, W. P. Bynum, L. F. Webster, H. A. Ganong, A. Otty, D. S. Bankness, F. W. Starkey, S. R. Gooday, A. G. Gates and E. J. Norris.

Nursing Slater E. M. Harston has also crossed to the front.

London, Dec. 9.—The new mace for the Canadian House of Commons, made to replace the one that was lost in the fire which destroyed the Ottawa parliament building a year ago, is now completed. The new mace is beautifully executed, and in general design is similar to the one used in the British House of Commons. It is being presented to Canada by the ex-lord mayor of London, Sir Charles Wakefield, and Sheriff's Touché and Sheak, all of whom are well acquainted with the Dominion.

Artistic Xmas Cards (Religious subjects only) at Haynes, the Watchmaker, 1124 Government St.

## LUMBERMAN AGAINST VANCOUVER DISPATCH

Allegations Against Coast and Interior Mills Characterized as Absurd

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—E. W. Hamber, president of the British Columbia Mills Timber & Trading Company, the largest exporters of timber in British Columbia and proprietors of the Hastings sawmills, was interviewed yesterday regarding a dispatch from Vancouver which appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press of the 7th and alleged that a huge order of a billion feet of lumber for the British government had been lost to the British Columbia inland mills because of the absence of harbor facilities at Vancouver. The report also stated that a similar order had been lost some six months previous, that both orders had been placed in California, and that because of this the interior mills were confined to prairie business.

Mr. Hamber stated that he knew of no such order from any legitimate source, and he doubted whether the interior mills of British Columbia had ever been asked to quote on any order of that magnitude. He pointed out that a billion feet would exceed considerably the total export of lumber from B. C. for several years; moreover, that ocean tonnage was next to impossible to secure, and that an order of this kind would take two hundred and fifty steamers carrying four million feet, while the average steamer would carry considerably less, and that the vessels now building at Vancouver were only rated to carry one and one-half million feet.

Not alone was it impossible to secure tonnage, but it would be impossible for the interior mills of British Columbia to fill an order of that magnitude within a reasonable time, even if they could take such an order, apart from the fact that they would be subject to the competition of the tidewater mills along the Pacific coast. Inquiry of the lumber trade in California showed that no such orders had been placed there as is alleged.

The statement that this business was lost to the inland mills on account of harbor facilities he characterized as pure nonsense, and that the inland mills were confined to prairie business on account of these facilities was such a misstatement of fact that it would be ludicrous were it not for the harm such a statement would do to Vancouver.

It is said that steps will be taken to ascertain the source of this and other misleading news sent from Vancouver.

## CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Latest lists of casualties:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. W. H. Cook, England.

Died of wounds—Pte. C. Renny (no address).

Died—Pte. S. Treisky, Russia.

Previously reported missing; now unaccounted for—Pte. J. Johnston, England.

Wounded—Pte. J. Johnston, England.

Previously reported wounded; now wounded and missing—Pte. T. Cummins, England; Pte. E. Cooser, England; Pte. H. Moore, Ireland; Pte. R. Howe, England; Cpl. R. W. Sweetie, Scotland.

Dangerously ill—Pte. W. Cooping, England.

Wounded—Pte. W. Armstrong, England; Pte. E. Candler, England; Pte. W. H. Callister, England; Pte. M. Cranney, England; Cpl. G. C. Duffus, Scotland; Sgt. C. W. Green, Scotland; Pte. W. Hutchinson, Australia; Pte. J. Houghton, England; Pte. C. Jackson, England; Pte. W. Jones, England; Lieut. L. W. Martin, England; Pte. J. Martin, England; Pte. C. Middleton, England; Pte. H. Barton, Wales; Pte. J. Broomhead, England; Pte. W. Duncan, Scotland; Pte. G. Ellison, England; Pte. W. Evans, England; Pte. G. Greenfield, England; Pte. J. Hutton, England; Pte. G. Locke, Scotland; Pte. F. Meiers, England; Pte. J. Murray, Scotland; Pte. F. O'Brien, England; Pte. H. Prithard, England; Pte. W. Roser, England; Pte. W. Reynolds, England; Pte. W. Roberts, Wales; Pte. F. Sanderson, England; Pte. Sutcliffe, England; Pte. W. Zeed, England; Pte. T. Stone, England; Pte. T. Takunaga, Japan; Pte. N. B. Tempest, England; Cpl. J. Watts, England.

Mounted Rifles.

Died of wounds—Pte. W. Power, England.

Engineers.

Killed in action—Cpl. W. Anderson, England.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. Henry, Scotland; Pte. H. Shaw, Scotland.

Artillery.

Seriously ill—Pte. G. Work, England.

Seriously ill—Pte. G. H. Darby, England.

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. E. J. Rogers, Blackburn, Ont.; Pte. C. A. Body, St. Catharines, Ont.; Cpl. L. Bolton, Almonte, Ont.; Pte. D. Fields, East Vancouver, B. C.; Pte. T. Cartwright, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Harvey, Iona Station, Ont.; Pte. L. Dixon, Everett, Mass.; Cpl. J. Jardner, Temperanceville, Ont.; Pte. R. Garratt, Bernard, Sask.; Pte. G. Hearn, Corbyville, Ont.; Pte. J. Kikigan, St. Catharines, Ont.; Pte. F. T. Ludford, Toronto; Pte. T. H. McGeagh, Hanover, Ont.; Pte. C. Martin, Toronto; Pte. L. Millar, Fulton, Ont.; Pte. F. C. Morrison, Winnipeg; Pte. R. H. Pigz, Preston, Man.; Pte. L. Weekling, Brantford, Ont.; Pte. S. M.

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Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. R. Beattie, Godfrey, Ont.

Previously reported dangerously wounded; now died of wounds—Pte. M. T. Smith, Halifax.

Previously reported missing; now believed to have been killed—Pte. W. S. Troyer, Toronto; Pte. J. Patton, Montreal; Pte. A. E. Patmore, Lloydminster, Sask.; Cpl. J. W. Moore, Halifax.

Wounded and missing—Pte. A. L. Warren, Port Arthur, Ont.; Pte. L. Hicks, Kenora, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now wounded and missing—Pte. W. H. Cairns, Toronto; Cpl. T. Lockwood, Toronto.

Missing—Pte. R. Slater, Toronto.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. Campbell, Abbotsford, B. C.; Sgt. J. A. Church, Smith's Falls, Ont.; Pte. Z. Gauthier, Vernon, Ont.; Pte. J. W. Hamilton, Edmonton; Pte. H. L. Turner, Port Perry, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now wounded—Pte. C. F. Smith, Smith's Falls, Ont.

Wounded—Pte. W. R. Anderson, Toronto; Pte. W. P. Brennan, Washington, D. C.; Pte. C. Burrows, Battleford, Sask.; Pte. L. A. Critchell, Montreal; Pte. R. E. Droche, Harwood, Ont.; Pte. W. Barrett, Millhaven, Ont.; Cpl. F. W. Biggs, North Bay, Ont.; Pte. T. Boydell, Hawkesbury, Ont.; Pte. W. Caron, Quebec; Pte. J. Chadder, Guelph, Ont.; Cpl. J. W. Hodgson, Windsor, Ont.; Cpl. N. Jackson, Port Arthur, Ont.; Pte. E. A. W. Jullin, Guelph, Ont.; Pte. J. P. Kirkpatrick, Ingersoll, Ont.; Pte. D. McCarthy, Montreal; Sgt. N. M. McGilivray, Paisley, Ont.; Pte. E. Minier, Ingersoll, Ont.; Pte. G. E. Moore, Springfield, Ont.; Pte. C. Morrison, Montreal; Pte. J. S. Nattung, Halifax; Pte. D. E. Rose, Hamilton, Ont.; Pte. E. Setter, Russell, Man.; Pte. A. Tanguay, Montreal; Pte. R. J. Thompson, Toronto; Pte. A. Wad-

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### TINO'S TWENTY DAYS.

When Constantine of Greece dis-  
missed Venizelos for the second time  
after his policy had been endorsed by  
the electorate the entente powers  
would have been justified in forcing  
him to abdicate by the terms of the  
treaty under which Great Britain,  
France and Russia guaranteed to the  
Greek people that the dynasty those  
powers had presented to them would  
reign constitutionally. The reason for  
that treaty, which was signed in 1863,  
was the unhappy experience Greece  
had just passed through under Otto of  
Bavaria, who ruled her German-  
fashion just as Constantine has been  
ruling her Prussian-fashion.

Constantine could not be a con-  
stitutional monarch in any circum-  
stances. From his Prussian mentors at  
Potsdam, under whom he was trained,  
he brought to Athens the ingrained  
Prussian idea of kingship. A shallow,  
vain and pompous individual, he was  
easily dominated by his Hohenzollern  
affiliations and ever since the war  
broke out has seldom moved without  
the Prince of Lippe or some other re-  
presentative of the Potsdam crowd at  
his elbow. In not taking him by the  
ear and leading him off the throne,  
besides clearing the Huns out of the  
country, when the cloven hoof first re-  
vealed itself, the allies injured their  
own cause. By temporizing with him  
they unwittingly facilitated his in-  
trigues and strengthened his position  
with a large proportion of his people.

Constantine interpreted the hesitation  
of the allies as a sign of fear. True to  
his training, he could not appreciate  
the fact that, notwithstanding the terms  
of the treaty, they did not desire to  
employ drastic measures towards the  
reigning authority of the small nation  
which they had brought into being and  
which they still were financing. All  
this time he had been a potential  
enemy. By a secret arrangement he  
sacrificed Serbia, to whom his country  
was bound by solemn covenant. By  
another agreement he sacrificed even  
his own Macedonia to the enemy, to  
whom he presented an army corps and  
all its equipment. He has permitted  
his ports to be used as bases for hostile  
submarines. All this pro-Hun schem-  
ing culminated in the bloody treachery  
at Athens a few days ago.

There is no doubt that Constantine  
is mobilizing his forces for an onslaught  
upon the communications of the allies  
who are fighting in the region of  
Monastir. He has troops concentrated  
at Larissa and Kalabaka, the termini  
of the railroad which runs from  
Athens northward into Thessaly.  
These points, however, are more than  
seventy miles south of the line  
from Salonica to Monastir, and no  
doubt are under the observation of  
the allies. Constantine hopes for the  
diversion of German troops from Rou-  
mania to help the Bulgars in Macedo-  
nia. His infantile confidence in the  
inevitable of German troops leads  
him to believe that they will drive the  
allies backward and then he can de-  
clare war and strike at their rear. But  
this precious game must be played  
quickly. Greece is blockaded and can-

not feed herself for more than two  
weeks. Besides the railroad from  
Athens northward, as well as Athens  
and Piræus, is commanded by the  
guns of the fleet. Twenty days would  
seem to be the outside limit of Con-  
stantine's continuance on the throne  
of Hellas.

### "HOHENZOLLERN AND HELLISH."

In another column we publish a  
powerful appeal made by Robert M.  
Chambers, the well-known American  
author, in a New York paper, to the  
people of the United States to bring  
pressure upon their government to put  
a stop to the enslavement of the hap-  
less inhabitants of Belgium. It is,  
moreover, a terrific arraignment of the  
Prussian monsterbund, with particular  
reference to the Kaiser, whom the  
writer holds responsible for the colos-  
sal crime. "It is," he says, "the work  
of a human brain gone rotten to the  
edge of madness. It is the monstrous  
cruelty of a crippled intellect, a horror  
against nature, an insanity that capers  
and mouths and gibbers and spits in  
the face of the civilization of the en-  
tire world."

"Is this nation," Mr. Chambers asks,  
"going to remain seated comfortably in  
the grand stand in strictly neutral  
observation, experiencing agreeably  
moral shudders, while in the bloody  
arena below Prussian slavers drive  
Belgian slaves toward the tragic Cal-  
vary, where already the last act is  
staged—the crucifixion en masse of an  
entire people? . . . Ten minutes to  
voice your protest—then go to your  
theatre or to your place of worship;  
but until you do this much, now, you  
are fit for neither theatre nor the  
church of a God who is watching you  
closer than you think he is."

The invocation of international law  
and agreements nowadays is a tra-  
vesty as far as Germany is concerned,  
but the stipulations of The Hague con-  
vention of 1899, of which the United  
States was a signatory, are so clear  
and explicit that they leave no obscure  
ambiguity for even the clamorous neu-  
trality to hide in. This is what Sec-  
tion Three of that convention says:

"Art. 43. The authority of the legiti-  
mate power having actually passed in-  
to the hands of the occupant, the latter  
shall take all steps in his power to re-  
establish and insure, as far as possi-  
ble, public order and safety, while  
respecting, unless absolutely prevented,  
the laws in force in the country."

"Art. 44. Any compulsion of the popu-  
lation of occupied territory to take part  
in military operations against its own  
country is prohibited."

"Art. 45. Any pressure on the popu-  
lation of occupied territory to take the  
oath to the hostile power is prohibited."

"Art. 46. Family honors and rights,  
individual lives and private property,  
as well as religious convictions and  
liberty, must be respected."

This latest monstrosity of cave men  
masquerading in the garb of civiliza-  
tion has a double purpose—the  
increase of Teutonic man power for  
military purposes and the extinction  
of Belgian nationality. Realizing that  
they cannot have both peace and  
Belgium, they are preparing to evacu-  
ate at least a large part of the  
country and to carry all the in-  
habitants who may be useful to them  
into slavery. A nation that can con-  
template so black an outrage upon  
civilization and humanity without being  
moved to protest, has indeed lost its  
soul and must stand damned forever in  
the judgment of history.

### NOT DISPOSED OF.

Under the heading, "Nickel Charges  
Are Disposed Of," our morning con-  
temporary publishes a dispatch from  
Toronto in which the Hon. G. Howard  
Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Mines  
and Forests in the Ontario govern-  
ment, is quoted as stating that the  
Germans have not received a pound of  
nickel from the International Nickel  
Company since the war began.

The statement of the Ontario min-  
ister is the veriest nonsense. Every  
pound of nickel which the Deutsch-  
land carried home on her last trip  
was traced by the secret service agency  
in close touch with the Providence  
Journal to the trust's refinery in New  
Jersey and beyond that to Canadian  
mines. The devious course it took,  
in the form of nine carloads, between  
the place of its origin and the hold of  
the Deutschland, was shown to the sight-  
ed detail.

United States official returns show  
that in 1914 36,420 tons of Canadian  
nickel matte was imported into the re-  
public; in 1915 the amount was 30,901  
tons. During the first seven months of  
1916 no other nickel except Canadian  
nickel matte was imported into the  
United States, as far as can be ascer-  
tained, but 2,400,000 pounds of the re-  
fined product went elsewhere than to  
Great Britain and her allies. Where  
did it go?

On February 22 last in the House of  
Commons, Col. J. A. Currie, a staunch  
supporter of the federal government,  
made this statement:

"We have it on the authority of a  
statement in the British House of Com-  
mons, made last month by men of re-  
sponsibility, that the nickel industries  
in Canada are controlled by the Krupp  
interests through trustees in the United  
States. When you bear in mind the

fact that the nickel mines of Canada  
alone are sufficiently wealthy to finance  
the war for five or ten years, and still  
leave a dividend, you will realize how  
important the control of these mines is  
to the Germans. . . . The guns that  
fired shells at my soldiers and myself  
day after day in Flanders were made  
out of Canadian nickel and chrome  
steel. The rifles that fired at us had  
barrels that were made out of Canadian  
nickel steel. Every one of them was  
stamped 'nickel steel,' but they should  
have borne the motto 'Made in Can-  
ada.'"

When this staggering indictment was  
made by Colonel Currie, there was no  
reply for several days—not until the  
trust was able to prepare a brief for  
the hulling of the House to sleep on  
this subject. Mr. Ferguson, we ob-  
serve, denies that he is personally as-  
sociated with the trust. This may be  
true, but it is equally true that the  
International Nickel Company is solid-  
ly entrenched at Toronto and Ottawa.  
Mr. Ferguson's protestations would  
carry more weight if he would comply  
with the oft-repeated request for the  
disclosure of the names of the share-  
holders of the trust.

### DEMOCRACIES AND WAR.

To combat with arms hostile military  
states democracies must militarize  
themselves. Otherwise they must suc-  
cumb. This is the lesson Napoleon  
taught the world a century ago, and  
is receiving confirmation at the  
present time. But the record shows  
that when democracies militarize  
themselves sufficiently they always win  
the war in which they are en-  
gaged. They lose battles while they are  
learning and organizing, but they win  
the last crucial conflict which deter-  
mines the great issue. They are able  
to do this because their system makes  
them stronger all round. They have  
greater developed human and material  
resources, more natural wealth, more  
initiative, originality and adaptability  
and more moral courage than the au-  
tocratic states to which they are  
opposed.

But this process of thoroughly arm-  
ing themselves means a complete re-  
versal of the order under which they  
have been existing. It means the re-  
constitution of the whole state fabric  
upon a basis upon which democracy  
cannot stand. Both Great Britain had  
partially completed the process, but  
the fullest application of the machin-  
ery they had set up was handicapped  
by the survival of administrative con-  
ditions of ante-bellum days. They had  
top-heavy, unwieldy boards of directors  
who debated, argued and deferred,  
and interfered with their military com-  
mands while the exigencies of war  
broke no delay, calling for instant, de-  
cisive action. What they now see they  
need is the vigorous employment of  
the vast organization they have built up.  
They have forged the thunderbolt.  
They now want somebody to hurl it.

But the qualifications of a successful  
war government disqualify it for peace  
because the two conditions are the di-  
rect antitheses of one another. Thus  
the more democracies are militarized  
during the present struggle, the greater  
will be the reversal after it is over.  
For let there be no mistake, the  
countries described as democracies be-  
fore the war will become much more  
so when the conflict is ended. The  
millions who have been fighting in the  
trenches will demand measures of do-  
mestic reform much more advanced  
than anything that has been gained  
by them in time of peace, and any  
attempt of a militarist government to  
maintain by force those disabilities  
which the exigencies of the war called  
for, but for which there can be no  
justification in peace, will simply mean  
a continuation of the war in a new  
guise. Having dethroned military domi-  
nation abroad they will insist upon  
measures the adoption of which must  
involve the overthrow of it at home.

It is not beyond the bounds of pos-  
sibility that the British War Office  
needed an injection that would "ginger  
it up." To a certain extent at least it  
is responsible for the handling of the  
Grecian embroglio. The entente pow-  
ers furnished Constantine with the  
sineews of war in the form of "loans,"  
and he applied them to the furtherance  
of the cause of his ally the Kaiser. The  
king played with them and fooled  
them at every turn for a period of two  
years. In another matter the allies  
have been unduly deferential to "neu-  
tral" opinion. They refrained from  
meeting the piratical submarine policy  
of the Germans by arming their mer-  
chant ships, out of deference to Amer-  
ican public opinion as alleged to have  
been exemplified in the "notes" of  
President Wilson. Now that they  
comprehend what may be expected  
from both Constantine of Greece and  
Wilson of the United States and the  
extent to which their public utterances  
may be relied upon, there are indica-  
tions that action may be taken.

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an end is to set up a republic within  
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proved model. The delegate might be  
able to accomplish by persuasion what  
the allies have been striving to ham-  
mer into the thick head of the Huns;  
that the All-Highest and his house,  
together with their haggard ambitions,  
caused the war in the first instance,  
are responsible for its continuance, and  
that it cannot be finished until truth is  
rammed with bayonets through the  
Teutonic hide.

No matter what government may  
hold office in Great Britain the British  
people are determined upon the over-  
throw of Germany. It has taken a  
long time to rouse them, but now that  
they are roused, they will not be di-  
verted from the main purpose until it  
has been achieved.

Five inches of snow in Vancouver,  
according to the Province. However,  
that is still a long way from "two  
squares deep." We refrain from further  
comment lest the weather man might  
retaliate and visit his resentment  
upon Victoria.

The day of political officers and mil-  
itary sinecures is done. The decree  
that they either must qualify for the  
front or return home will deprive  
Piccadilly and the Strand of some fa-  
miliar spectacles, but war is war, not  
a pageant.

Did you subscribe to the Patriotic  
Fund yesterday? If not, do it to-day.  
We owe it to the men who are fighting  
our battles that their dependents shall  
not want.

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The Toronto Mail and Empire announces  
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Europe to study social problems, but  
hopes he has not brought any back with  
him. If the editor were to take a walk  
through the area immediately north and  
east of his office he will find substantial  
evidence that they have already arrived.  
We create social problems on this con-  
tinent, as we do almost everything else,  
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The Gorge road church promises to be the prettiest building of its kind in Victoria. It is now nearly completed. The inaugural services will take place in January.

At the poll of the citizens on the two by-laws, one to aid the agricultural society, the other to grant aid to the proposed university, the electors to-day passed the former by 208 majority and defeated the latter by 11 majority.

Reports say that the steamer George E. Starr will shortly be started to run from Port Townsend on a daily trip through the Islands to Victoria and back.

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### Incorporating Bishopric.—Application will be made to parliament at its next session for an act incorporating Rt. Rev. J. R. Lucas, bishop of the diocese of Mackenzie River, and his successors in office, a corporation sole.

Oak Bay Red Cross.—The lace yoke, which was presented to the Oak Bay Red Cross committee by Mrs. Neelandt, to be raffled, and for which \$10 has been received, has been won by Mrs. B. Wilson, ticket No. 72.

### Bantam Church Parade.—The Bantams will have a church parade to-morrow morning. Promptly at 9.15, the whole Battalion will leave the barracks and march into town to St. John's church, which they expect to reach shortly before 9.45.

Seeking Incorporation.—The Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers is applying to parliament for an act of incorporation as the Grand Lodge of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers of the Dominion of Canada.

### Agree to Proposal.—At the meeting of the city school board to be held on Wednesday, the favorable replies of the district school boards to the idea of Dr. Lewis Hall for a school trustees association for the Victoria district, are to be received.

Basketball To-night.—Following the game between the Vancouver ex-Normal ladies and the Victoria Normal ladies at the Y. M. C. A. this evening, a basketball match will be played between the Y. M. C. A. Seniors and a picked team from the Willows camp.

### Action Dismissed.—In the supreme court yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice Clement dismissed the action of Dolg vs. Lock Tie Holding Co., Ltd., ex-A. Rostein and Canadian Lock Tie Holdings, Ltd., in which the Bank of B. N. A. was suing on a note drawn by the late J. H. McGregor and endorsed by Rostein as managing director of the two companies.

Upper Pandora Avenue.—Objecting to spending \$550 on the improvement of Pandora avenue, from Harrison street to Fernwood road, the streets committee of the council yesterday afternoon thought a smaller sum would put the road in condition for automobile traffic, so a further report on the subject will be obtained for the next meeting.

At Field Comforts Stall.—The following were in charge of the Field Comforts committee stall at the doll show and Christmas fair at Government House on Thursday afternoon and evening: Mrs. Cecil Cookson, convenor; Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Colman, Mrs. Musgrave, Mrs. Angus, Miss Belsom, and Miss Watson. The artistic arrangement of the drapery of the stall was the handwork of Mr. Griffiths, to whom, together with Messrs. Angus, Campbell for kindness shown, the thanks of the committee are expressed.

### F. O. E. Elects Officers.—At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of Victoria Aerle, No. 12, F. O. E., held on December 6, at which candidates were initiated and the business for the past year was reported on, showing the aerle to be in a good, healthy condition, the following brothers were elected as officers for the coming year: Worthing president, Frank Le Roy; worthy vice-president, J. R. Bradley; worthy chaplain, C. Hagan; secretary, J. M. Hughes; treasurer, W. W. Laine; conductor, H. Woolley; inside guard, A. Sadler; outside guard, P. Christensen; trustees, F. M. Kliner and J. Williams; aerle physician, Dr. A. O. Rechele.

Vancouver Jitney Regulations.—Several amendments to the "Jitney by-law" were ordered to be made at a special meeting of the Vancouver City Council. While some of the proposals met with strenuous opposition on the part of the Jitney men, no stringent regulations were carried into effect such as were foreshadowed several weeks ago—especially in regard to routing the cars along the side streets. The amended by-law is not yet complete and will be again considered next Wednesday. The most important changes were in reducing the carrying capacity of a five-passenger car to six and the driver, and a seven-passenger car to eight fares, and in compelling the interior lighting of the tonneau from a permanent light attached to the rear of the front seat.

St. Saviour's Sale of Work.—The Ladies' Work Society of St. Saviour's, Victoria West, held a very successful sale on Thursday afternoon and evening in Semple's hall. It was opened in a most pleasing manner by Mrs. Scriven. The attendance was large and purchasing brisk, the sum of \$305 being realized. The stall holders were as follows: Fancy work, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Sidaworth; plain work, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Nicholson; home cookery, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Holmes and Miss M. Saunders; candy, Mrs. Gard, Miss Violet Harper and Miss Elsie Jenkins; rummage, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Colgarrie and Mrs. Waltham; Girls' W. A., Miss Abbey and Miss Bissick; Junior W. A., Mrs. Ford and members; refreshments, Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Banfield, assisted by Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Hunt. The Generous Goose was operated by Miss Hannington and Mrs. Clegg. In the evening a short programme of music was given by Miss Cassels, Miss Ivy Evans and Mr. Armon, which was much appreciated.

### "Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product."

Protestant Orphanage Meeting.—The annual meeting of subscribers to the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home will be held at the city hall on Tuesday, at 4 p. m.

### Board of Trade Meeting.—The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade on Friday, December 14, will be one of the most important that has been held for a long time. The question of the development of the terminals will be threshed out in order that the board may be in a position to help advise the government in regard to it.

Tariffs Approved.—The Great Northern Railway Company has secured sanction for its freight tariffs now in force on the various lines included in the system in British Columbia—the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway and Navigation Company, the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, the New Westminster Southern railway, the Red Mountain railway and the Kettle Valley railway.

Land Grant in Railway Belt.—J. C. Shields, Kamloops, has been granted permission by the department of the interior to purchase 1,354 1/4 acres of land in townships 20 and 21, range 20, under irrigation and cultivation conditions. The purchase price is to be \$5 an acre, with a deduction of the cost of irrigation works up to an amount not exceeding \$2 an acre. The necessary water rights will have to be secured from the government of British Columbia.

### Sale of Work.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church on Thursday held its annual sale of work, which proved to be a very successful event. The lecture hall of the church was artistically decorated in a color scheme of red and white, the lighting effects being the work of Bert Howell. Proceedings commenced at 3 p. m. and a brisk sale was carried on at the various stalls, which were under the management of the following ladies: Plain needlework, Mesdames Scowcroft and Boorman; fancy work, Mesdames Walker, Oard and Miss Howell; home produce, Mesdames Sparrow and Barnes; refreshments, Mesdames Kinney, Kenworthy, Yemens, Hodgkinson, Kerr and Becker; candy stall, Mrs. Crawshaw and the Misses Scowcroft and Kinney; ice cream, Misses Boorman and Freeman. During the afternoon musical selections were rendered at the piano by Miss W. Scowcroft and Miss Daniels. In the evening a short musical programme was provided. Rev. Charles Croucher, pastor acting as chairman. The following artists assisted: Miss Kent, pianoforte selection; Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. Hudson, vocal solos; Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, duet; Mr. Hill and Pte. Sanford, humorous sketches and songs; Mr. Thomas, vocal solos. An added attraction was the presence of two fortune tellers, who were kept very busy throughout the event.

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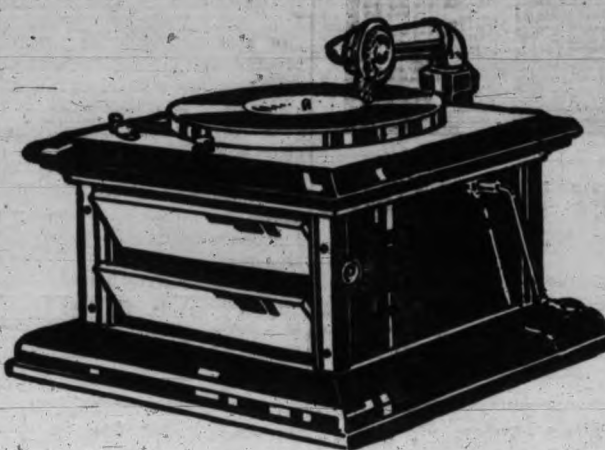
The Fifth Regiment C. G. A. Band, assisted by the Band of the 148th Battalion and the Pipes of the 59th Gordon Highlanders, will give their regular concert next Sunday evening in the Royal Victoria Theatre at 8.45 o'clock. Mrs. R. H. Pooley and Miss Lillian Haggerty have kindly consented to sing, and Mrs. A. J. Gibson will preside at the piano. Following is the programme:

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Viola Dana in "The Light of Happiness" makes her final appearance to-night. Miss Dana's engagement has been a very pleasing one. As a picture the production is highly successful. The big dramatic moment of the play is cleverly devised and there is no question of its power to grip the emotions. The locations, the handling of the great mob scenes and the splendid stage direction all add to the credit of the producers. The part of Tanglefoot was written for Miss Dana, in which she is eminently successful. She is fitted by nature and artistic development to give life and charm to the character of the warm-hearted little waif who wins the love of the athletic young minister. A capable supporting cast and splendid photography add to this meritorious production.

On Monday of the coming week William Paversham, the noted English actor, will make his first appearance in motion pictures in Sir Gilbert Parker's great play, "The Right of Way."

#### ROYAL VICTORIA.

Miss Theda Bara, the Parisian actress, who plays the vampire-woman in "A Fool There Was," which will be the feature attraction at the Royal Victoria for the last time to-night, admits that one striking feature of her impersonation is due to the careful schooling she underwent to adopt a peculiar serpentine walk which she uses with great effect in her playing of the part. Miss Bara is a warm friend of Isadora Duncan, the famous classical dancer and Miss Duncan instructed her in the lithe, sinuous movements characteristic of the vampire-woman of Porter Emerson Browne's greatest success.

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The children of the public schools will give an entertainment to-night in the old Victoria theatre, Douglas street, in aid of the Day Nursery. An attractive programme has been prepared and the concert will be under the management of the following committee of the Day Nursery: Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Bowser and Mrs. Burdick and Rev. W. Stevenson. Mrs. Roberts's orchestra, which is giving its services free, will play from 7.15 to 8 p. m., when the children's programme will be given as follows:

1. Tableau: Written by Miss B. Pope
2. Cell of the Allies .....
3. Nymph Dance .....
4. Audrey Warburton, Grace Trimble
5. Sailor Song .....
6. The Goblins Will Get You .....
7. Minuet .....
8. Hushhoo Lullaby .....
9. Violin Solo .....
10. Rose Dance .....
11. I Wish I Were a Boy .....
12. Peasant's Song .....
13. Ventriquoal Sketch .....
14. Scotch Dance .....
15. The Gold Side Car .....
16. Welsh Dance .....
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John Nimmo, of Winnipeg, is at the Dominion.

H. Hewitt, of East Sooke, is at the Strathcona hotel.

J. Georgeson, of Mayne Island, is at the Dominion hotel.

H. Lambert, of Clinton, is a new arrival at the Dominion.

W. Watson, of Summerland, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. R. G. Jessup, of Ladysmith, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

O. C. Wolcott, of Rochester, N. Y., is staying at the Empress hotel.

F. E. Nugent, of Montreal, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

W. McNeilish, of North Vancouver, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. W. G. Hopworth, of Stevenson, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Capt. J. Carpenter, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

O. Martinson, of Kallispel, Mont., is a new arrival at the Dominion hotel.

Thomas Scott and Mrs. Scott, of Moose Jaw, are at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. W. D. Grant, of Vancouver, is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. W. Dinsley.

D. L. Irvine and Mrs. Irvine, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

H. R. Hadcock and family, of Calgary, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanson, of Nanaimo, are registered at the Empress hotel.

A. Nelson and J. McBain, of Edmonton, are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

W. Cameron, J. Stines and Chas. Mae, of Edmonton, are at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. G. Abbott, of Vancouver, are staying at the Empress hotel.

J. C. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

David Tweed and Mrs. Tweed, of Lethbridge, are guests at the Dominion hotel.

H. G. Sparling and family, of Battleford, Sask., are staying at the Dominion hotel.

W. N. Mount and family are over from Ganges and are staying at the Dominion.

Henry Barker is over from Bremerton, Wash., and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Gillespie, wife of Dr. Gillespie, of Edmonton, and Miss Gillespie are guests at Cherry-Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Maynard, Jr., left for Vancouver on last night's boat to spend the week end.

Mrs. Thos. LeMessurier and Mrs. H. A. Mough are among the Vancouver visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel.

T. D. Benjamin and Daniel McPhee are visitors from Ceylon, Sask., who are making the Dominion hotel their headquarters.

"Do you think the fighting'll be over this year, Mrs. Brackett?" "Well, I do, and I don't, as the sayin' is. My ole Bill's a guttun when he starts, an' he'll take some stoppin' now 'e's got the law on 'is side for lost."—Punch.

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## THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE BIBLE

Sermon Preached in the First  
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day Morning, December 3

By the Minister,

REV. WALTER G. LETHAM, B. A.

"The Bible says so, therefore it must be true." That is the kind of logic that has held the field for centuries and that is still a source of attraction and allurements to many minds. In many so-called intelligent circles to-day there is still no disposition to test the soundness of the premises from which their conclusions are derived, and indeed, the person who dares to question the validity of the premises is sometimes regarded as a presumptuous individual who is deserving of all the anathemas that can be heaped upon a head. He has gone just a little too far in his intellectual expedition, and is endeavoring to vaunt himself above the Lord of Heaven and Earth. The Higher Criticism and the Rationalistic Movement are the direct products of the arch enemy himself, and those who look towards them with a sympathetic eye can be nothing else than the closest friends of that august personage. This assumption that the Bible is the infallible word of God has been handed down from generation to generation unchallenged save by a few, and the whole structure of Protestantism rests upon the full, and complete recognition of Biblical Infallibility. It is true that many men and women of sterling character have been raised within the Protestant church in spite of its errors and fallacies, and I know that church too well to seek to deprive any brother of that which seems to give him hope and certainty and steadfastness. It might be very unkind to try and stir up confusion in the mind of the orthodox Christian whose life is so much greater than his creed, and who is perfectly satisfied with his present mental outlook, or to take the pious old lady away from her rosary which has almost become a part of her life. But there are some of us who have decided to travel along a different pathway, not quite so easy perhaps as the other, a pathway where we feel we must have an unlimited view, and where no restrictions are brought to bear upon the spirit of honest inquiry and investigation.

I think we are sometimes inclined to overestimate the importance of the Lutheran Reformation, because most of us seem always to get a distorted and one-sided view of that historic movement. There can be no doubt that the Reformation proved reactionary in many ways, and this is especially true in its demand for religious liberty.

The rebellion against the authority of the church was a glorious one, and had it achieved its true purpose the complexion of the religious world would be very much different from what it is to-day, but it was a great misfortune that after the reformers had thrown off the bondage of ecclesiastical rule, they fell back into still more dangerous entrenchments, and displaced the infallibility of the church with the infallibility of the Bible. And in spite of my own personal antecedents, as I look back upon the history of organized Christianity, I feel that if I were to make a choice between Catholicism and Protestantism, I would unhesitatingly choose the former, because it has all the advantages of historic continuity, it has an unbroken history, it has preserved a splendid unity without equal in the history of mankind, and its ritualistic and creedal system is such as to appeal to all those who are to any extent dominated by emotion and sensibility. Protestantism on the other hand has split asunder on the rocks of doctrinal dissension, and has given rise to a bitterness and hatred among sects and parties which is quite out of correspondence with the spirit of true religion. The Protestant church has been absolutely inconsistent in its attitude, because while it has professed to believe in the infallibility of the Bible, it has really been guided by a belief in the infallibility of the individual reason, a belief that has been the prolific mother of Denominationalism, and that has made every particular sect feel that its interpretation of Scripture is the proper one, that it possesses the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The Protestant church has been quite as dogmatic as the Catholic church, and it has lacked that solidarity and consistency which has always been the great strength of Roman Catholicism.

We are all familiar with the old idea of the plenary inspiration of Scripture. Those of us who have been brought up within the fold of orthodoxy have been taught to believe that God revealed himself in some mysterious manner to certain chosen leaders at various times in the past, that these leaders were the passive instruments through which God made known his mind and will, and that every word which was written by their pen was a message from the infinite that the lapse of time could never efface or destroy. In many cases these writers did not comprehend the meaning of the message because they were simply the private secretaries of heaven who had to write down whatever was dictated unto them. This final and unchangeable revelation of the mind of God is found upon the pages of the Christian Bible, and if we find much therein that is hard to understand, if we find one portion that seems to contradict another portion, we have to bear in mind that we are finite creatures who cannot presume to fathom all the mysteries of Deity. Now this conclusion would be perfectly logical if we were sure of the soundness of the premises, but these premises become invalid as soon as we apply to them the only possible test, which is human

reason and human reason only. As thinking persons we must approach the Bible in order to discover its proper valuation and its true significance as a piece of world literature. And when we do so we are driven to the conclusion that every book in the Bible is the product of the human mind, that our present canon of scripture was compiled by men who must have been as fallible as ourselves, and that we are therefore justified in accepting the Bible as true only in so far as our divine faculties of judgment and reason set their seal of approval upon it. We have as much right to form our opinions about this book as all the dignitaries of the church, and if our minds cannot endorse all of its teaching it is our privilege to reject that teaching in favor of something else. We ourselves constitute the jury that must give the verdict as to whether man shall become the bondsman of the Bible or whether the Bible shall become the servant of man.

Revelation is constant and universal in human experience. It is not the result of any special influence that Deity brings to bear upon men, but it is the product of human striving and aspiration. We cannot think of God willingly concealing his presence from his creatures, and drawing the veil aside from time to time so that we may get a glimpse of his true being. The whole universe is the expression of God and therefore we read his thoughts as we learn more and more about ourselves and our relation to the world outside of us. Truth does not come to us as a revelation from the heavens above, and the sun and stars only the lesser lights. And in my gropings after the infinite, I want to adopt an attitude that will correspond with my general knowledge of life instead of seizing upon the cruder ideas to be found in many parts of the Scriptures. We must either reject the infallibility of the Bible or reject many facts which have been established both by observation and experience, and every unprejudiced thinker should have no difficulty in making his choice. Human reason must always be the final court of appeal, and despite its limitations and imperfections, it is the only judge that is worthy of a growing and developing humanity.

It is evident then, that we must approach the Bible in the same way as we do other books, and bring precisely the same tests to bear upon it. The Bible must at all times be allowed to speak for itself, and its value will always depend upon its power of conviction. If it is divine it will need no external authority to proclaim its divinity; if it contains the truth, that truth will be revealed in the appeal which it makes to all unbiased minds. If it has stored up within it any spiritual riches, that fact will be made known by the sympathetic chord that is struck within the mind of the reader. There is no need to spin fine theories about its uniqueness in the realm of literature; there is no need to surround it with a halo of profound mysticism; but it must be its own authority, and must vindicate its right to a place in our intellectual and spiritual sympathies. When I read my Shakespeare I do so remembering that Shakespeare was a member of the race, that he belonged to a different century from our own, and so I expect to find many things characteristic of the age in which he lived. But that does not deter me from sitting at the feet of that master mind, and receiving from him those thoughts that seem to transcend all the limitations of time and that are scattered abroad for the whole world to enjoy. Thomas Carlyle is one of my favorite authors, but my sense of personal liberty forbids me to bow down before that rugged son of the hills and recognize every word of his as sound and true. And so I feel I am justified in taking up the same position with reference to the Bible. I remember something of its origin and history, and if I am convinced that it possesses a value surpassing that of other books, that conviction comes to me as a result of the Bible's strong appeal to my inner consciousness. I realize that it contains a message whose divine origin is endorsed by the facts of my own personal experience, and for that reason, and that reason only, I deem it worthy to occupy a place in the great world library of inspired literature.

The divine revelation has therefore come to men just as fast as they were able to receive it. There has been no restriction on the part of Deity, because human blindness is the only thing that has prevented the race from beholding the goddess Truth in all her splendor and beauty. In every age and under every sky, God has been speaking to the souls of men, and to those who had eyes to see and ears to hear, the inner secrets of life and being have been gradually unfolded. The torch of truth has never gone wholly out, it has been continually shining with varying degrees of brightness, sometimes burning with a dull and uncertain light, and sometimes flaring up with surprising brilliance, but in every case it has been the spirit of the universe striving to find a fuller expression in the lives of men. On the finer pages of the soul the message of the eternal has been written, and the mighty spirits who are the contemporaries of all the ages have brought to their fellows a revelation by means of which they might enter into a more abundant life.

"Life of ages richly poured,  
Love of God unspent and free,  
Flowing in the prophet's word,  
And the people's liberty."  
"Never was to chosen race  
That untold tide confined;  
Things is every time and place,  
Fountain still of heart and mind."

It is surely time then, that men began to appreciate the progressive and universal nature of the divine revelation, that we cannot speak of infallibility in the truth which the spiritual leaders of the race have delivered to their fellows, and that we cannot regard any particular individual or race as the chosen vessel through which the truth shall flow to men. All the sacred books of the east contain elements of truth which might prove of value to the whole world of men, and God has spoken through Confucius and Buddha and Zoroaster and Mahomet as well as through Moses and Isaiah and Jesus

and Paul. In all the great books that human genius has produced, we get some insight into the deeper meanings of life, and we hear God speak to us in the only way. He can speak to us Himself, understood. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and the only true test of the inspiration of any book is its power to inspire. And so as I have already inferred, when we take our own Bible into our hands we speak of it as the Word of God, not because any external authority has proclaimed it to be so, not because any coterie of men has established it as the perfect oracle of Deity, but because we find therein words of strength and inspiration and encouragement, words that grip us with their convincing power, words that present to us ideals whose beauty and sweet reasonableness we are forced to acknowledge. The Bible contains many concepts that belong to a primitive age, many ideas about God and man that now seem to us as crude and impossible, but it also contains those jewels of truth which we feel can never lose their value, and so we give the Christian scriptures their due place in the scheme of the unceasing revelation, and look upon them as part of that greater Bible of the race which mankind will never cease to write.

God is speaking to-day. New pages of life's Bible are still being written. As Newell Dwight Hillis has said, "It is much that God spoke to man centuries ago, but it is more that while He still speaks, the poets and patriots muse, and the sacred fires burn. To our generation God comes, pouring out His heart in great tidal waves, making each man a sage, each youth a seer,

each handmaiden a prophet of better and higher things."  
Or in the fine words of James Russell Lowell:  
"God is not dumb that He should speak no more,  
If thou hast wanderings in the wilderness, and find'st not Sinai  
Tis thy soul is poor.  
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This is the reason well-worn shoes are no longer a discredit, but an honor—an evidence that the wearer puts patriotism before pride, thrift before vanity.

Fortunately the prevailing low prices of rubbers and overshoes make this practicable. In most cases they cost little more than before the war, and a very small expenditure for either will protect the old shoes perfectly through the winter, keep the feet dry and comfortable, and guard the wearer's health. Many are following the sensible course of getting a pair of rubbers or overshoes to exactly fit each pair of shoes, for rubbers that conform closely to the shoes they cover wear much longer as well as look neater.

This is one of the rare cases where virtue brings its own reward, for in addition to the very considerable money saving, what is there that affords such solid comfort as a well-worn pair of shoes?

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# SPORTING NEWS

## NEW CONSTITUTION FOR B.C.A.A. UNION

Proposed Changes to Be Dealt With at Meeting at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Representatives of all branches of amateur sport in the city will be called together within the next week to discuss the proposed new constitution of the British Columbia Amateur Athletic Union before it is finally submitted to that organization for approval. Dave Leith and A. C. Coter, to whom was delegated the task of revising the constitution, expect to complete their labors on Sunday next, and Mr. Leith will then call a meeting of all local sporting interests, the representatives of these bodies being given an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes and make any suggestions towards improving conditions in provincial amateur athletic circles.

Everybody will be invited to send a representative, preferably its president, to the meeting which will call next week, stated Mr. Leith. "It is our desire to enlist the support of every organization, and at this meeting the proposed new constitution will be gone over very carefully and later presented to the B.C.A.A.U. at the adjourned annual meeting. At the meeting we will probably ask the representatives to nominate two of their number to handle local affairs in the place of the local board."

It is expected that the adjourned annual meeting of the B.C.A.A.U. will be held before the end of the year.

## SWEDISH ATHLETES WILL VISIT AMERICA

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 9.—Ted Meredith, just back from Sweden, put in an appearance at Franklin Field Thursday and announced that he had accepted a position that would make Philadelphia his home.

Meredith says that only a tightening of the war strain can prevent an invasion of this country by a Swedish-Norwegian team under Ernie Hjertberg next summer. Hjertberg plans now to bring along about a dozen of his best performers, drawing on Norway for a sprinter. Among the boys that will make up Hjertberg's team are Bohlin, Sweden's middle-distance champion; Gille, who has done within an inch of 12 feet in the pole vault; Kullstrand, a clever jumper, who can better 1 foot 1 inch under perfect conditions; and Hultin, Sweden's best hurdler. Rusted, the fine sprinter, who hails from Christiania, Norway, is also practically certain to make the trip.

Should the trip result successfully, athletically, it is probable that the Swedes will counter in 1918 by inviting a team of not less than twenty track and field men to visit their shores.

Ted spoke glowingly of the ability of J. Bohlin, the young Swede who showed him the way in several races above 600 metres. Meredith did not have the slightest aim to offer about his condition, stating that Bohlin is a runner who will be heard from in any company from now on.

## STAR TENNIS PLAYERS GET THEIR RATING

New York, Dec. 9.—Lawn tennis experts predict many surprises in the report of the ranking committee, submitted at the annual meeting of the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association here yesterday.

The crown is generally given to Richard Norris Williams II, the champion, with William M. Johnston, second. Third place is likewise conceded to either Robert Lindley Murray or George M. Church. Whichever one is chosen by the committee the other probably will follow in fourth place. If Ichiji Kuriage, the Japanese star, proves eligible for rating he no doubt will be awarded a high place.

In the women's ranking, which was made up by a committee of women and submitted to the ranking committee of the tennis association, the same chaos is said to exist. Miss Molla Bjurstedt is generally regarded as entitled to lead the list.

## PORTLAND TAKES FAST HOCKEY GAME

Seattle Defeated by Score of 5 to 2; Spectacular Play in Last Period

Portland, Dec. 9.—Portland redeemed itself in the eyes of local fans last night by defeating Seattle 5 to 2. What was most pleasing to local critics was the form displayed by the Rosebuds, who showed up much stronger, both in team work and condition, than they did in the opening game here.

Portland went into the lead right at the start, the score at the end of the first period being 2 to 1 in their favor. The second period ended 4 to 2 in favor of Portland.

When the third period started, the Seattle team tried to play Portland off its feet, and one of the fastest periods ever seen here resulted. But for phenomenal work on the part of Goal-keeper Murray, the score would have been tied.

Goal summary—First period: 1—Portland, Tobin, 4:00. 2—Portland, Harris from Dunderdale, 2:30. 3—Seattle, Wilson from Morris, 1:18.

Second period: 4—Seattle, Morris, 1:27. 5—Portland, Johnson, 9:23. 6—Portland, Dunderdale, 5:57.

Third period: 7—Irvine, Portland, 18:25.

## OATMAN WILL PLAY ON BATTALION TEAM

Manager Savage Will Lend Him to the Soldiers for This Year

On his return from Spokane President Frank Patrick of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association announced that the case of Eddie Oatman, who has signed up to play with the 228th Battalion in the N. H. A., has been settled. Oatman really belongs to Ed. Savage of the Portland Club, but while in the east representations were made to him to sign with the 228th Battalion. He will play with the battalion team this year, Manager Savage having consented to loan him to the battalion team. He will later go overseas with the soldiers.

Matters between the Pacific Coast Hockey Association and the National Hockey Association are now all cleared up. Manager Savage of the Portland Club did not like the way the battalion team secured Oatman's services and demanded that he be sent back, or else another player sent to the Portland-based by Frank Patrick. However, the matter placed up to him a proper light, Savage consented to loan Oatman to the battalion team for this year only. As Oatman has enlisted for overseas service and as the soldiers are receiving no salary for playing, Frank Patrick placed the matter up to Savage with the result stated above.

## BOWLING NEWS.

At the Arcade alley last night the Outlaws won from the Cameron Lumber Co. bowlers by 2,258 to 1,935. The scores follow:

Outlaws	Cameron Lumber Co.
Fugle	114 128 157
Leach	137 141 173
S. Patterson	178 200 143
A. Vigellius	147 194 138
L. S. Weston	158 141 169
Totals	734 894 739
McMillan	147 100 111
McDonald	135 162 144
McCart	150 121 95
Tuttle	144 118 98
Cameron	144 156 154
Totals	720 615 604

Monday evening next is the date set for the next match, which will be between the Wilson Hotel and the B. C. Telephone Co.

## CROSS FAMILY HAD SIX BOYS IN RING

Greatest of All Living Fighting Clans; Marty Looks Promising

The Cross family—or, to be exact, the Wallace family—is the greatest of all fighting families.

There are eight brothers of them—and all of them fighters. Six of them have appeared in the ring—Leach, Sam, Phil, Dave, Marty and Solly. The other two, Tommy and Johnny, are only 12 and 14 years of age, and as yet have had to be content with fighting each other around the house. And they have a sister, Lillian, who can whip most boys, besides being the champion girl sprinter of the New York public schools.

Leach Cross, of course, is the most famous. Leach fought them all for 10 years—an interesting and successful pugman of the first class. He came near winning the championship from Ritchie in one of the best 10-round fights ever fought. He retired only recently, and is now known as Dr. Louis C. Wallace, of Wall Street.

It is not generally known that Attorney Sam Wallace, manager for his brothers, was a fighter. Well, Sam wasn't, but he had to enter the ring to find it out. Sam's ring career was brought to an abrupt close by a right-hand swing which landed on his chin in the second round of his first battle.

Phil Cross was the next one to try it. Phil at one time looked very promising. He was extremely aggressive, and did well for about five years. Phil claimed the welterweight championship for a time, but his claims and ambitions were badly shattered by Johnny (Kid) Alberts, who knocked him out in six rounds. Phil retired to the salesman business soon after.

Marty Cross is the only member of the family now fighting professionally. Dave, the most pugnapious of the family, engaged in a number of ring battles successfully, but did not possess the endurance to ever make the game pay, so he retired undefeated. Solly, who is only 17 years old, will never be a fighter for the same reason, though he has engaged in a few bouts against the wishes of his brothers.

Marty Cross, the only one of the family now in the ring, looks like a good one. He is only 22 years old and has been fighting but a year and a half, yet he is one of the many contenders for the welterweight title. He has had about 40 bouts, winning 13 of them via the k.o. route.

Marty had to run away from home to become a fighter. Leach and Sam would not permit him to enter the ring, just as they had refused the other brother. But, like the others, Marty became a fighter anyway. But he had to run away and join the navy to do so. Marty, like all of his brothers, was sickly and frail. The hard work aboard the Arkansas made a man of him, however, and as soon as he got home he entered the ring. He fought Badoud, the welterweight champion of Europe, and has been practically matched with Willie Ritchie.

He will bear watching.

## KEATS TURNED OVER TO TORONTO CLUB

Dispatches from the East indicate that trouble has been averted in the National Hockey Association by the turning over to the Toronto club of Wilfred Keats, the soldier-hockeyist, who is a member of the 228th Battalion. Ed. Livingstone, of the Toronto set up such a loud wail that the soldiers, rather than cause any unnecessary trouble, readily consented to his remaining with the Toronto club. It is also reported that Eddie Pitre has been turned over to the Toronto club, but this is evidently a new deal, as the Frenchman has always been a member of the Canadiens and there has been no talk previously of his going to the Queen City.

Livingstone states that the club is now negotiating with Denny, the Ottawa holdout, but if he lines up the Toronto will be complete and ready for action in the N.H.A. campaign.

## THIRD BIG LEAGUE IS NOT PROBABLE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—After the election of Thomas J. Hickey, of Minneapolis, to succeed President Thomas M. Chivington, of Chicago, the American Association took action at the annual meeting here yesterday which practically assures a series of inter-league games with the International League. The question of a third major league, as proposed to consist of four American League clubs, was discussed informally. President Hickey, who took the chair shortly after being elected, announced, but added that the magnates did not take the proposed league seriously.

## TREATY NOW RATIFIED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Ratification of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States for the protection of insectivorous birds on both sides of the Canadian boundary, which was signed August 16, were exchanged at the state department by Ambassador Spring-Rice and Secretary Lansing. So far as is known it is the first treaty of the kind ever negotiated.

## THIRTY WEEKS OF BASEBALL ON COAST

Pacific Coast Magnates Will Not Reduce Schedule; Player Limit Remains Unchanged

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 9.—The most important subject discussed in the annual Coast League meeting was the player limit. The number of players remain the same but four of the eighteen men must not have played a full season in class AA or higher baseball. The salary limit was not taken up.

Three-week training season has been abrogated, because weather conditions often interfered with the conditioning and clubs may start spring work at their own discretion.

For the 1917 season the ban against exhibition games has been lifted. The only provision made in the rule was that no pre-season contests with outside clubs might be played later than one week prior to the opening of the league season.

The magnates also voted to put a stop to Coast League players participating in games outside the league during the season. The season will open April 23 and will close October 28. Portland plays at Salt Lake; Vernon at San Francisco and Oakland at Los Angeles. No holiday dates were discussed.

A heated discussion arose over whether the schedule should be reduced to twenty-eight weeks, but finally it was decided to play thirty weeks.

## OLD BASEBALL RULES SEEM FREAKISH NOW

Many of the old rules governing baseball now seem very freakish to the fans, but the one which seems strangest of all, perhaps, was that which gave the "knocker" or "striker" the privilege of demanding from the pitcher a high or a low ball. It was at a meeting held in New York on November 30, 1870, that this rule was adopted. Up to 1870 the pitcher could leave the pitcher's box where he pleased, but if he didn't have to take a smash at it until he was good and ready. Strikes were not recorded against him unless he hit at a ball and missed. That was pie for the batsman, but tough on the hard-working pitcher and the sweltering spectators. In the games of 1870 the pitcher was required to put the ball over "fairly for the striker," and if the latter let good ones go by strikes were called on him, and if the third good one was caught either before it touched the ground or on the first bound the batsman was out. However, no strike was called on the first ball pitched, unless the striker struck at and missed it.

The rule adopted in November, 1870, which gave the striker the privilege of calling for a high one or a low one was put into effect the following season, which was the first year of the National Association, the forerunner of the National League. A high ball was defined as between the shoulder and waist, and a low one was between waist and knee. If the batter got what was ordered from the pitcher and didn't strike at it, a strike was called on him if the ball was "fair," which meant between the shoulder and the knee. After 1876 the batter had to call for either a high, low or fair ball. This practice, which now seems so absurd, was not abandoned until 1887. Imagine Ty Cobb being privileged to call for the sort of ball he wanted!

## GOLF GAME DEMANDS HUGE INVESTMENT

In a year what does your golf cost you? Have you ever figured it out, or do you know anyone who has? No? Well, here is a little expert advice on the subject, coupled with a study of the financial end of the game.

There are, so an expert's survey showed, 1,800 golf clubs in the United States and Canada, with a membership of about 350,000. The average membership is given as 230, with hundreds of clubs with a much larger list, while there are hundreds more organizations with lists ranging from 100 to 200.

The average yearly expense—merely a guess—for the man who takes up the game for the first time is about \$182, proportioned as follows: Initiation, \$50; dues, \$50; balls, \$20; clubs, \$17; cartage, \$20; caddies, \$25, and with the exception of the initiation and the dues this seems reasonable.

It is said that the 350,000 golfers will spend \$42,000,000 a year, an amount that does not include initiation fees. The average acreage of 1,300 clubs given is 100, which is a trifle high when the number of nine-hole courses are figured. Placing the value at \$600 an acre gives a total valuation of \$78,000,000.

In discussing the cost of upkeep the same individual figures \$7,500,000, which is somewhat out of proportion, as most of the nine-hole courses will average from \$2,000 to \$3,000, while few of the 18-hole courses run over \$10,000 a year. The cost of the clubs in the members' bags, averaging seven clubs to the bag, is \$4,125,000. Figuring that to the bag, he will buy on an average of one club a year, he estimates a further outlay of \$475,000 for clubs.

The average professional earns about \$1,200 a year, which gives a total of \$390,000. The caddies earn about \$60,000 a week, or a total of \$3,000,000 a year. The real estate value is placed at \$100,000,000 and \$50,000,000 more is spent each year for laborers and caddies, and that fully 300,000 men and boys are employed by the golf clubs. That would give the following table:

Real estate	\$100,000,000
Professionals	390,000
Laborers and caddies	50,000,000
Cost of upkeep	7,500,000
Golf balls	7,000,000
Golf clubs	7,000,000
Initiation and dues	60,000,000
Total	\$232,190,000

## WILL CHALLENGE THE WINNER OF FIGHT

London, Dec. 9.—Unless Tommy Noble proves an in and outter he will be the next challenger for the flyweight title following the Zulu Kid Jimmy Wilde championship battle here, December 18. Noble landed in the centre of the spotlight on both feet, modestly yelling "Here I am" when he knocked Wilde off his pins in a recent bout at Liverpool.

The knock-down came in the 12th round. Wilde's bony knees were rattling together as the slip of a boy tottered around the ring. Suddenly Noble whipped over a left hook and the champion took a high dive for the count of seven. He covered cleverly and stayed through the round. Noble lost heart after that recovery by Wilde, and the Welsh harp flattened him in the 15th.

Noble, three days previously, put up a quide exhibition against Young Joe Fox. Fox, however, is a genuine bantam and outwitted Noble considerably.

If Zulu can win against Wilde it is a foregone conclusion that Jack Callaghan, promoter of the International bout, will match the American with Noble for a 20-round battle.

## RED SOX AND ROBINS MAY PLAY IN SPRING

Boston, Dec. 9.—The world champion Boston Americans and the Brooklyn team, champions of the National League, probably will play a series of exhibition games in the south next spring. Harry Frazee, the new president of the Boston club, said that President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club favored the idea and had already partly made arrangements to transfer the Brooklyn training camp from Daytona, Florida, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where the Red Sox will prepare. The tour has the approval of President Johnson of the American League, according to Mr. Frazee.

President Frazee said that a strong effort would be made to induce William F. Carrigan to return as manager of the Red Sox for at least another year.

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## VICTORIA ATHLETES AMONG CASUALTIES

Recent lists of the killed and wounded have among them the names of Alfred and Jack Hayward, two local men who were very prominent in sporting circles. The brothers left with the 6th Western Scots. Last Saturday Alfred, the elder, was reported to have died from the effects of wounds received while in the trenches, and on Tuesday Jack was among those admitted to one of the base hospitals. Both were well known here; Alfred was captain of the Empire football team and had played for many local clubs such as the Oak Bay, Sons of England, 5th Regiment, Thistles and Western Scots. Jack also was a member of the Empire team.

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## BRITISH GOLFER DEAD.

London, Dec. 9.—The famous golfer, James Braid, was killed while trying to board a moving train at Waterloo station, London. He was thrown backward and fell on his head. He died on the way to the hospital.

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## SOLD MINE BECOMES REGULAR PRODUCER

ore in Pioneer Claim Near Lillooet is Richer With Depth

A little party of Vancouver folk who during the past five years have been quietly developing the Pioneer group of mineral claims north of the line of the P. G. E. near Lillooet, have been rewarded, and the Pioneer has now entered into the list of active producing gold mines in British Columbia. Although the quartz taken out is only in development work and has only as yet been subject to the free-milling process, the assay office returns for the past few months total \$20,500. A brick of gold amalgam valued at \$6,000 is now in process of treatment, and further cleanings-up are expected to bring another \$6,000 before Christmas. A seven-day run with a development crew of 14 men brought in \$4,432.02 from the assay office and a nine-day run \$4,666.12. With additional machinery which is to be installed the output of the mine is expected to be doubled, shortly, and with the rock getting richer with depth and new veins to be opened there is work ahead for many years. A thousand dollars a day in gold is expected.

The owners of the Pioneer mine are Agolophus Williams, K.C., and his wife, and Messrs. Peter and Andrew Ferguson, practical mining men. For five years past they have been quietly working to develop the property and only started the active treatment of ores on September 1 of this year. Mr. Williams, who is a well known barrister in Vancouver, gives some details of his successful venture in mining development in the Lillooet country.

When the Pioneer group first came to the notice of its present owners, five years ago, it was being worked by a lone miner named F. Kinder. He had sunk a shaft on the Pioneer claim and with a primitive waterwheel which he used to lower into the rushing water of Cadwallader creek, worked away by himself, digging out ore, crushing it and extracting the gold by the arrastre process. He used to make ten dollars a day working on the ledge. The Pioneer claim cost its present purchasers \$20,000. The adjoining claims cost another \$10,000, and the company now has seven full claims and three fractional claims, totalling 360 acres.

When the negotiations with the Guggenheims flagged over a question of terms of payment a year ago, the owners of the property, who had sunk a shaft on the Pioneer, worked away by themselves, digging out ore, decided to install machinery themselves and go ahead. Since then they have spent

about \$50,000, and have now one of the most complete and well-equipped mining plants in the province.

So far, gold has only been obtained by free-milling. All the debris has been placed on the mine dump, and when the concentrator has been installed it is calculated that a two per cent. concentrate, equal to 250 per ton, can be obtained at the rate of a ton of concentrates every four days, while from the tailings an additional \$6.40 can be expected by the cyanide process.

Mr. Ferguson, who is in active charge of work at the mine, says that the start on the Pioneer claim is now down 100 feet on a three-foot vein. A start was made to mine the ore on September 1, when a drift had been run at the 100-foot level and some stopping done. The drift has now gone 150 feet to the west and 25 feet to the east, while the ore has become richer with depth.

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### AN EXPLOSION.

To the Editor:—I see again a reference in your valued paper to "labor shortage" in British Columbia, and I have stood just as much as I am able on this subject without "exploding."

There is no shortage of labor at fair wages in British Columbia, but rather ten men for every position open. Of course it is not feasible that entente subjects would work with Germans and Austrians, and this is what one would have to do in the "lumber industry," etc., for starvation wages.

Again, why should a woman clad in \$200 worth of clothes, beg from a man working for \$2.25 per diem and supporting a wife and several children "in the name of charity?"

One part of Victoria is trying to expand trade, if we can believe in the efforts of the Rotary Club, and the other portion do their level best to "freeze out" everyone who comes here and to close down the few industries that are already established, such as the Chemical Co. saw mills, etc.

I quite agree with "Clerk" in his letter and have had considerable experience of the vagaries of the "shopper." There is only a given quantity of money to spend; so how can the hours a store keeps open affect trade? The same person who would be in favor of prohibition on "humanitarian grounds" is the person who would

force the male and female clerk or workman into "tuberculosis" by long hours.

Go to Tranquille Sanitarium among the victims of the "white plague" and you will find that "long hours" and "low wages" is directly responsible for this fell disease.

The "cards" which we will be required to fill in will be a blessing to the community as it will show the numbers of aliens in our midst and give the "lie" direct to the shortage of labor cry.

Surely we have had enough "hot air" in the past; cut it out and get down to facts.

The great war itself is only the effort of a few to grind down the mass to slavery and the same conditions which have caused that "furious insanity" are extant on a smaller scale in Victoria to-day. Be true to our heroes who are fighting for the liberty of the world and put down everything which would tend to make our brothers' lot in life harder at home.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.  
December 8, 1916.

### COMPULSORY GREEK!

To the Editor:—It is rather refreshing to see in your columns the beginning of a discussion on educational reform. Personally I must confess myself among those who would wish to see much-needed changes in the curriculum of our schools, but more especially in that of our high schools.

For example, students are compelled to take Latin upon first entering high school, and much of their mental training for the remainder of their sojourn there is obtained through a study of this classic. But if they are going to have a classical education, why not be thorough about it? Why should not the study of Greek be compulsory as well?

Let me give my reasons. In the first place, any student of history knows that Greek genius, thought and culture are infinitely superior to the Roman—in fact, some historians point out that Latin thought and literature are but a slavish imitation of the Greek. What Latin historians can one compare with Herodotus and Thucydides? What Latin poets and dramatists with Homer, Pindar, Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides? What philosophers with Socrates, Plato and Aristotle? Therefore, just as our students may one day hope to read some of the great Latin thinkers—they never do, but that's no odds—so, let us put them in the way of being able to boast that, while they have not studied any of the above mentioned giants of intellect, they have nevertheless studied their language. Then and not till then will they have the education of a gentleman or lady, as the case may be.

Secondly, as I said above, we are not thorough enough in this classical training. Our educational system, as regards its classical side at least, is a distant relative of the English—about as distant as Latin thought is from Greek. Now, according to the English

system, a boy who is destined (by virtue of being one of the leisure class) for a classical course, begins his Greek and Latin—he studies both classics—usually at the age of eight or nine. Consequently, when he is ready for the university, he can read his authors with tolerable ease; he has progressed beyond the stage of memorizing paradigms of declensions and conjugations and is ready to plunge into a profitable field of thought.

On the other hand, our students (unless the examiner mercifully plucks them) spend two years only—at a much more advanced age—in grinding upon the machinery of Latin verbs and nouns without the additional stimulus to the imagination that the same studies in Greek might give. In his third year, the student is given as imaginative, thoughtful, mental pabulum (food), the political pamphlets of Caesar and the fawnings of Vergil. But at the end of the third year the pupils and their parents conclude they have had enough of higher education—very few of the students proceed to the university—and thus they never get an insight into real Roman thought. The doorway to Elysium is forever banged, barred and bolted. Therefore I would submit that we ought to include in the curriculum, not Latin only but also Greek, and that this Greek training should begin as early as eight or nine—the age at which psychology says such training should begin.

Leslie Stephen, in the biography of his brother, recounts this of one of their masters: "Balston, our tutor, was a good scholar after the fashion of the day, and famous for Latin verse. 'Stephen' he once said to my brother, 'if you do not take more pains, how can you ever expect to write good long and short? If you do not write good long and short, how can you ever be a man of taste? If you are not a man of taste, how can you ever hope to be of use in the world?' The pity of it, sir, the pity of it! That we do not insist upon the classics sufficiently to create more men of taste!

Let's have more classics; think of the extra mental discipline which our Latinists claim is inherent in that subject! The mentality of the pupils would be as well-drilled as a Prussian conscript goose-stepping in a Kaiser parade.

Of course, I recognize that some parents might object that the curriculum is already overloaded, and while I grant them that their child will in nine cases out of ten apply his Latin and Greek to no practical purposes; that the time necessary to acquire a knowledge of them might be devoted to things of alleged greater importance; that all the best thought of Latin and Greek is translated into tolerable English—but what of all this? "Educatio de minimis non curat" (education does not concern itself with such trifles).

If more time is needed, it could be gained by having the student spend even less time than he does upon the study of English. We might also economize in the time devoted to the study of French, the only advantage of which

as far as I can see is that it is a living language, whereas Latin and Greek are dead ones.

When Greek is an established study upon the curriculum, I hope to advocate the study of Hebrew; that is, who knows but what we shall then be ready for Sanskrit. The day will then have arrived when we may hope to see our students write to the papers (as one of the correspondents of the morning paper has done) to announce to a listening world that the word "soul," Greek "psyche," Hebrew "nephesh," is found in the New Testament, not 100 times as he asserts, but 101.6.

PEPYS.

### COMFORTS FOR THE BOYS.

To the Editor:—Perhaps it is not generally known that our Canadian soldiers in France appreciate cocoa, coffee or Oxo.

It is well known that the men are supplied with rum to warm them up after getting wet or chilled. Many of our boys are tastering rum for the first time, but would prefer hot cocoa, etc. Now if the men are asking for this substitute they must surely have it. Every parcel sent to France should contain cocoa, hot sugar and so this of milk. It is asserted that during the last South African war the men were given an option of rum or an extra ration of sugar. Most of them took the extra sugar.

In the meantime let pressure be brought to bear on our men in authority to see that the men can have at least an option in what they take to warm them after exposure.

MARY MORRISON.

### LEATHER PRICES.

To the Editor:—In my letter, which you so kindly published a few days ago, I quoted the price of No. 1 sole leather at 92c. hemlock and \$1.07 best oak bends. So-called bends are sides of leather with the poorer parts cut off, but at that there is considerable waste in cutting them up into soles and heels. Now the wholesale price for No. 1 sides today is 65c. per lb. for hemlock tanned, but just about one half of this is worthless for anything but building up under heels, etc., where no direct wear comes. In October last the price of these sides was something like 64c. per lb., so they could easily be sold at 60c.

In my previous letter I quoted the grades which are usable for good quality soles and top pieces for heels in order to give the public a correct idea as to actual values of same.

Now, if this Winnipeg firm quotes 60c. per lb. for No. 1 leather in October it would be fair value for the untrimmed leather I speak of, and it could be termed No. 1, but last March this grade was sold wholesale at about 42c., so at 60c. per lb. it would pay a very large retail profit.

It would be unfair to everyone in the shoe and leather trade to have the public think that the soles they are

wearing is worth only 60c. per lb. when 92c. leather is not all usable, and the price is advancing every month. I wish to make it plain that it is not the fault of local shoe stores and shoe repair men that they have to raise their prices from time to time.

J. MORSE HATT.

### EARLY CLOSING.

To the Editor:—It seems to be the opinion of some that the writer is responsible for the preparing of the early closing by-law, which is not correct. My resolution to the council was to the effect that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare an early closing by-law, to conform with the amended statute. We have had an early closing by-law and the stores lived up to the same, but on account of the amended statute, this by-law became unworkable, so it was thought wise to prepare another, therefore by resolution.

As a matter of fact, the by-law presented to the council for consideration was a by-law which was prepared some months ago by the city solicitor, and for some reason was not introduced to the council at that time. Therefore I was not responsible in any way for the wording of this by-law, and I expressed myself in council as not in favor of a compulsory hour for opening in the morning, as I then stated that in the summer time butchers frequently had to open their shops at 5 a. m.

The only reason I have to offer for an early closing by-law is to bring the Oriental trader into line. When the Chinaman did business only between and by themselves there was but little notice taken of them; but a very different problem is staring us in the face to-day. We find an ever-increasing number of well-stocked Chinese stores, starting on all of our principal streets, manned by young Chinamen, educated in our schools at our expense. These young Chinamen are taking advantage of the absence of our young men, and unless something is done soon the merchant on the outskirts of our city will be obliged to stay open late every night, or be forced out of business by a people who can have no interest in our future and who are foreign to our country and habits.

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## LIEUT.-COL. GUTHRIE TALKS ON RECRUITING

Stirring Appeal to Eligible  
Men to Go Into  
Khaki

An interested audience, in which there were, however, as one of the speakers noted, few of the recruitable young men to whom they would like to be speaking, was present at the Old Victoria theatre last evening when Lieut.-Col. Guthrie and Major Geggie, officers of the 236th Battalion, New Brunswick Rifles, issued an appeal for recruits. In the chair was Hon. H. C. Brewster. Others on the platform, besides Col. Guthrie's staff officers, were Lieut.-Col. Duff Stuart, D. O. C.; Lieut.-Col. Bruce-Powley, O. C. 143rd Battalion; Lieut.-Col. Angus, O. C. 5th Regiment, C. G. A.; Lieut.-Col. C. A. Forsythe, O. C. 50th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders; Rev. Capt. Campbell, chaplain of the 50th; Capt. P. R. M. Wallis, 16th Battalion, home on furlough; Rear-Admiral W. O. Story, R. N.; Commander Shenton, R. N. R.; Lieut. G. H. S. Edwards, R. N.; Right Rev. Bishop Schofield, bishop of Columbia; Rev. Dr. Maclean, William Blackmore, Leonard Tait and James Forman.

Colonel Guthrie was received with tremendous applause when he rose to speak. They were gathered together for the purpose of discussing what they could do to keep the old flag flying. They all knew that the British Empire was straining every muscle to keep the enemy back. But some people were too content to rely on the glory of the past. They talked of what their grandfathers had done, thinking that would win the war. They must step up and join the ranks, help to forge the Dominion link—which Canada liked to think was the strongest link—in the great chain of empire. There had been too many backsliders from among those who through all the years had been singing so heartily about keeping the old flag flying.

"Some people in this country unfortunately think that we Canadians should not be at war. Going across this country I have often been asked why we could not wait until Canada was attacked before joining the colors. I say we are in this war as much as Britain is; nay, more. If Britain were beaten, what would happen? Germany could not colonize a little island that is already crowded with people. She would turn her eyes to Canada, and carry out her long-cherished ambition for colonization. Canada has not done her duty. British Columbia has not done her duty until the last man who is fit and able between the ages of 18

and 45 is in khaki," declared the speaker of the evening in his opening sentences.

"Britain," he continued, could have been out of this war. Other nations were not joining in, except to sell shells. Britain came into it for the sake of a principle. Thank God she had the navy ready. Were it not for the brave men out there in the North sea between us and the German ships where would we be? But were we not imposing too much on the navy? Was it not up to the civilians to get over there into France and Flanders? "This is a war in which we build up a fort and then devise a gun that will tear it down," said Colonel Guthrie. "It is a war in which science is pitted against science. And the Germans are building up a navy which they hope to use in driving our navy from the seas. Are we going to take a chance with these people? Or are we going to do our duty, we here in Canada, by helping to swell the army and go over and trim them on land while the navy is holding the seas?"

### Belgium's Part.

"We would not have been surprised had Belgium in the face of such an overwhelming force laid down her arms and let the Germans go through," he continued. "But the part that King Albert and his 300,000 warriors played in marching out to meet the Hun that France and Britain might be spared has never been excelled in history. And the Belgians knew better than we did what they were going up against. Yet what took place? For that gallant deed they did they are scattered, pillaged, made homeless. Then it was that Britain came forward. And we of British blood, were more proud than we had ever been before of the Motherland, when she went forward to meet Germany standing there with the blood dripping from her sword."

"Canada had responded well from Pacific to Atlantic. He was glad to be in the home town of 'the gallant colonel of the First Canadian Division.' Reference to the name of Maj.-Gen. Currie was greeted with applause. Colonel Guthrie cited an instance of the fine spirit which had made this commander so popular with officers and men alike. One night early in the war, Colonel Currie had gone back to one of the support trenches for a little rest. He had reported to Colonel Odium and Colonel Guthrie that 'Old Man' Lipsett was going to be cut off if they did not do something to help him. He led them in the dark to Lipsett's little force, where he fought with them hour after hour until orders came for them to go back. Was it any wonder that he was loved by every officer and man in the division, and that his part had made the name of Canada stand out in glowing letters in the annals of the war?"

Some of the battle-scenes, the advance of the two great armies which had been at death clutch for the past two years, the thunder of artillery and the hurried movements by day and night of troops were vividly pictured. "Some say they will fight if Canada

is attacked. But," warned the speaker, "if France with her trained army is wiped off the map, if Britain with her 5,000,000 men is broken, the armies of Siberia, Montenegro, Roumania, Italy, Russia and the others annihilated, picture what would happen if Canada tried to beat off the enemy. You young men who are holding back now will step proudly to the wall and take down the blunderbuss of your grandfather. But when you hear the tramp of the enemy—you will take to the woods. Even that won't save you. Don't think you are indispensable. There are men in France to-day who gave up just as good jobs as you. And, as at the time when Smith-Dorrien's message came down the lines, 'The eyes of the world are on Canada.' Canadians at the front are hanging on still, waiting for more troops to come from the Dominion to relieve them. I ask you either to join us or any other of those other units represented here to-night."

### M. O. Speaks.

Major Geggie, medical officer of the 236th, prefaced Colonel Guthrie's recruiting appeal by giving a condensed history of his commanding officer since the beginning of the war. In this it became apparent that Colonel Guthrie's scheme for the formation of a little battalion was conceived at a time when he was recovering from very serious wounds, a scheme which seemed more hopeless still of accomplishment when they were on their way back on the Hispanian when she was torpedoed. But the mettle and spirit of the soldier would not be put out by this, and his ambition was nearing realization.

"The man who to-day puts on the khaki or the blue is doing better work than the man who waits some months," urged Major Geggie, who referred to the pressing importance of awakening anew to the urgency of the situation. Interest in the war had waned, yet both the army and the navy must be kept up if the war was to result as they wished.

This idea Hon. Mr. Brewster endorsed. The progress of the war was not such as most would like to see. There was need of such stimulants to recruiting at the present time. Mr. Brewster explained that he had prepared some remarks, but owing to the presence of so many good speakers he had decided not to give any address.

Rear-Admiral Story, being asked to speak, stated that they wanted 25 naval volunteers. Although there were few young men present in the audience he saw them about Victoria, men who should be serving their country.

Col. Duff-Stuart moved the vote of thanks to Col. Guthrie, this being seconded by Commander Shenton, and passed amid hearty applause. The Scottish songs which were contributed to the programme by Mrs. Hinton, J. G. Brown, Mrs. Harry Pooley and Mrs. Macdonald Pahey were very much enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

The members of the 236th Battalion who accompany Col. Guthrie, and who were present last evening, are Major

C. G. Geggie, Major C. J. Morgan, Capt. E. A. Sturdee, Capt. Godenrath, Lieut. H. A. Seely, and Sgts. Lawney and Anderson.

## CANADIAN CADETS

### A Company—Central School.

Preparations are at present under way for the formation of bicycle and signalling sections. Some interest is also being shown in physical drill with rifles.

### B Company—South Park.

The average attendance at the regular parades during November was 65 per cent. of the strength of the company. When the low temperature that has prevailed lately is taken into consideration this is an excellent showing. Signalling, physical drill and rifle shooting have all received attention from the officers and good results already are in evidence. The bomb throwing competition will be held before the holidays and our section, ten per cent. of our strength, will give a good account of itself.

### C Company—Victoria West.

There was a good turnout at the battalion drill last Friday. We got out of school at 3 p. m., dressed for parade, fell in and marched to the Central school all in just a little over 45 minutes.

Our company bomb throwing contest is to be held next Monday. The winner will represent us in the battalion competition. Cadets are cautioned to exercise greater care in retrieving fuzed bombs. They cannot expect to be missed every time by the next man who is throwing his lot. We have four new recruits.

### D Company—North Ward.

The strength of the company is 70 and the boys of cadet age in the school 70. Our company is the first in Victoria to recruit every boy in the school. No city in the Dominion can make a better showing in that respect. Great credit is due to Principal Campbell and Mr. Cameron and the company officers.

We hope to announce the winners of the bomb throwing contest in our next notes. Our turnout at the battalion drill was the best on record. D-company marched with bugles sounding.

### E Company—George Jay.

The company officers: Captain L. Millery, lieutenants, B. Dresser and C. Keen.

The senior team played a football match against St. Louis College, on Tuesday afternoon, the latter winning with a score of 3-0. Unfortunately several members of the senior team were absent and substitutes had to be made from the juniors. Harry Smith, Gordon Chew and Jack Taylor played particularly well.

The Cadet Corps took part in the battalion parade at the Central school on Friday afternoon. A bomb throwing contest will take

place next Thursday. After it is over there will be a distance throwing exhibition by the winner and runner up.

F. Company—Sir James Douglas. A number of our cadets go to the Y. M. C. A. on Friday, and as they have paid for it they went there instead of the battalion drill on Friday last.

The public school Gazette was started by our boys, who own all the shares. Our bombing contest will be held next Wednesday.

G. Company—Quadra and Oaklands. Cecil Coles, our champion member, can throw five half pound bombs thirty yards and send every one in the shell hole that is only six feet in diameter. We go in more for bombing than anything else as we have no rifles for shooting. Our contest will be held next Tuesday.


## MILITARY MEDAL

Sgt. Patch Receives Recognition for Gallantry in Action.


News has come from the front that Platoon Sergeant Arthur Patch, of the 48th Battalion, has been recommended for the military medal for gallantry in action. He earned it last June, but at the time of writing had only just been notified that he was to get it. He left here with the 102nd Battalion, Warden's Warriors, which was mobilized at Comox.

Sergeant Patch is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Patch, of Saanich. He left here as a private and has been gradually advanced in the service as a result of merit.

A girl was required to write a brief sketch of Queen Elizabeth. Her paper contained this sentence: "Elizabeth was so dishonest that she stole her soldiers' food." The teacher was puzzled, and called the girl. "Where did you get that notion?" "Why, that's what it says in the history." The book was sent for, and the passage was found. It read: "Elizabeth was so parsimonious that she even pinched her soldiers' rations."—Tit-Bits.



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## WILL CONTINUE AS BRIGADE COMMANDER

Col. Duff Stuart Receives Extension for Another Year

Col. Duff Stuart will continue to be brigade commander for another year, according to information received from Ottawa. This seems to indicate that there will be military forces mobilized at this point for another year at least, and that the military authorities at Ottawa have confidence in the abilities of the local D. O. C. The following is the official notice which comes from Ottawa along with other notices of appointments:

Military district No. 11—23rd Infantry Brigade: The period of tenure of appointment of Lieut.-Col. (temporary Colonel) J. Duff Stuart as brigade commander is extended to the 29th Sept., 1917.

30th Regiment (British Columbia Horse)—To be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary): Frank Bertram Fraser Nicholson, 25th Sept., 1916.

50th Regiment—To be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary): Arthur Stanley Burgess, 1st Oct., 1916.

88th Regiment (Victoria Fusiliers)—To be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary): Edwin Macdonald, 14th Sept., 1916.

102nd Regiment (Rocky Mountain Rangers)—To be lieutenant (supernumerary): Frank Charles Clark, 19th Sept., 1916.

### ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

A very interesting lecture was given last evening in the Y. M. C. A. hut at the Willow's camp by Pte. Kinney, of the Army Medical Corp. The room was crowded with soldiers, who displayed a keen interest in the subject of the address, "Mountainering in the Canadian Rockies." The speaker dealt specially with the district of Mount Robson, having been one of the first party to reach its summit. The slides which were shown greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening, especially so in view of the fact that they were all made from photographs taken by the speaker.

The reformer heard of a case which interested him more than the ordinary, so he sought out the redeemed one and asked: "You stopped smoking because she asked you to?" "Yes." "And you stopped drinking because she asked you to?" "Yes." "And you gave up your bridge parties and went into refined, serious society for the same reason?" "Yes, yes." "And yet you never married her?" "Well, you see, after I'd reformed like that I found I could do better."—Liverpool Post.

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### Assayer's Report

Nine samples taken of the ore are as follows:

	Silver Ounces	Copper Per Cent
Tunnel .....	3.20	4.6
Tunnel .....	3.60	6.5
Tunnel .....	1.20	6.0
Tunnel .....	2.00	6.1
2nd cross-cut .....	4.16	7.3
2nd cross-cut .....	3.60	3.4
2nd cross-cut .....	3.00	6.1
2nd cross-cut .....	4.00	7.0
Dump .....	4.20	5.7

or a general average of 5.65 per cent. copper and 3.21 ounces silver.

### The Future Outlook

The present high price of metals will, in the opinion of many experts, maintain for a considerable time after the war is over; in any event there seems to be no question that at least 20 cent copper will be the prevailing price for many years.

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### NEW BRANCH FORMING

Red Cross Society Being Established in Fernwood District.

A new branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is being established in Fernwood district, and lists asking for the names of the men, women and children in the district who are willing to assist in Red Cross work will be found at the following stores, awaiting their signatures and addresses: **Reenie & Taylor, Bakers**, 1238 Gladstone avenue, Fernwood, Pharmacy, 1231 Gladstone avenue; W. F. Hamilton, 1239 Denison street (grocery); Shelbourne Dairy, J. W. Bland & Son, corner Shelbourne and King's roads; Richmond Grocery, corner Fourth and Richmond streets.

Following to the very urgent demand sent out by headquarters for more goods, consisting of socks, etc., it is hoped that the lists will soon be filled up, and when a sufficient number have signed the Red Cross Society will send out notices to each person calling a meeting to be held in the district, when officers and a committee will be appointed and rooms selected for the work. Persons who will lend sewing machines, if they will mention same when signing list, will help matters so that no time will be lost in getting to work.

The Victoria West branch which opened up this week has a large number of workers who can be found there daily, enthusiastic to work in every way they can in the good cause.

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## IMMORTAL PAGE IN ANNALS OF BRITAIN

Troops of All Overseas Dominions Prove Nation's Valor

Sir Thomas White on Conditions He Found in Old Country

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 9.—Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, returned to-day after an absence of seven weeks. During his visit to England, which was upon the invitation of the imperial government, the minister was continuously engaged in official and other business.

Sir Thomas discussed with the chancellor of the exchequer and the chief officials of the treasury problems of imperial finance arising out of the war, and more particularly relating to exchange and the situation on this side of the Atlantic.

The minister states that he was surprised to find the extraordinary favorable impression which has been created in official and business circles in London by the strength and stability of the Dominion's financial position, as revealed by the Dominion's successful loan operations and the establishment of credits for the imperial government towards meeting its commitments for munitions and supplies purchased in Canada.

The greatest appreciation is also expressed of the great and growing part which is being played by Canadian industrial establishments in furnishing shells, explosives, and other munitions so vitally necessary to success in the operations of this war.

As for the Canadian forces, there is nothing but admiration. It is recognized that they form a splendid fighting force. Everywhere the Canadian soldier speaks of the great kindness which he received at the hands of the British people. Especially is this the case with our wounded in hospitals and with the convalescent, officers and men.

Undoubtedly one of the greatest surprises of the war to the British people has been the spirit, efficiency and scale of participation by the overseas dominions generally in the great struggle.

"The fighting men of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have written an immortal page in the annals of British valor," says Sir Thomas.

### B. C. SALMON WANTED BY AUSTRALIAN FIRM

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The department of trade and commerce has been advised by the trade commissioner in Australia that one of the largest wholesale grocery and general merchandise companies in Australia desire an extensive distributing business, is desirous of entering into direct negotiations with British Columbia packers of various grades of canned salmon, with a view of arranging in advance for the purchase of their 1947 requirements. The trade commissioner states that there is an exceptional opportunity for Canadian packers, not already represented in Australia, to secure large business from a wealthy corporation particularly desirous of obtaining their supplies within the empire.

Clergymen and school teachers in the district have been appealed to, and it is to be hoped that with the united services of all a very successful branch will be formed in this district.

## HUNS FRAMING NEW FORMS OF EVASION

Expected to Make Promises to States Regarding Belgian Slavery

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Germany will reply to a day or two with a memorandum to the representations which the secretary of the American embassy has been making regarding the deportation of Belgian laborers. The reply is expected to follow about the same time as that made to the Belgian protest through the Spanish government, the substance of which was published in the North German Gazette this morning.

The result of Secretary Grew's conference with Chancellor von Ribbentrop on the subject probably will be that while the principle of using unemployed Belgians in Germany will be adhered to, pains will be taken to see that it is accurately applied.

It is explained that it has not always been possible to prevent the measure being applied to Belgians not of an employed class, but that greater care is now being exercised and that with the use of Belgian lists it is thought the measure can be restricted to the classes which it is designed to affect.

The position of the German government on the Belgian deportations was outlined in a statement made on Thursday and transmitted in news dispatches on Friday.

German Socialists Oppose.

The Hague, Dec. 9.—The German Socialists, led by Philipp Schiedemann and Friedrich Everat, attended a meeting here of the executive international, which was called in response to President Emile Vandervelt's world-wide appeal to the affiliated groups regarding the deportations in Belgium. President Vandervelt is the Belgian minister of munitions.

The German Socialists associated themselves with the executive's endorsement of the appeal and told their Dutch comrades that both the majority and minority in the German Socialist party opposed the deportations. They discussed the form in which measures of protest will be taken in Germany.

## FRENCH RAILWAYS MUST RAISE RATES

Effect of Reorganization on Economic Lines Hits Them Badly

Paris, Dec. 9.—It is understood that one of the important effects of the reorganization along economic lines which has been decided upon will be an increase in railway tariffs, which the government can hardly deny to the companies.

The war has brought practically every one of the French railways to a state of veritable disorganization; there is not one of importance which does not face a deficit. This condition is true notwithstanding the vast increase of military traffic, which, however, is not sufficient to offset the loss of commercial business.

The demands of the companies are not exorbitant. Increases of from 10 to 20 per cent. are asked, and it is understood that corresponding increases are to be made in wages of the employees. The effect of this will be to make another increase in tariffs necessary later.

The burden will therefore eventually fall upon mercantile business. The measures outlined seem to be, nevertheless, only a few of the more drastic ones, which the reorganized government will be forced to carry through.

### STARVING IN GERMANY.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—In the course of a discussion in the Prussian Diet on the question of an increase in the salaries of minor officials, the Socialist deputy Stroebel, according to the Vorwaerts, attacked those who were receiving great war profits, while the mass of the people were starving, quoting cases of men whose income is not sufficient to buy their allotted amount of food.

### FENCING FOR TIME.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Counsel for the defense in the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul-general here, and six other defendants charged with violating neutrality by conspiring to destroy munitions of war and property of the allies, is preparing further evidence which it is hoped will prevent the calling to the witness stand of Louis J. Smith, the government's chief witness.

## BRITISH OPINION ON THE GEORGE CABINET

Retention of Balfour Pleases Liberals but Incenses Ginger Group

London, Dec. 9.—Lloyd George's cabinet will be non-partisan and will meet the popular demand for a business government. It will not be a coalition cabinet in the sense that the Asquith administration was, because Mr. Asquith had the co-operation of all parties, even including the Irish Nationalists.

The Liberal meeting at the Reform Club yesterday decided that the old Liberal leaders will constitute an opposition party in the House of Commons, although the opposition will be one of helpful criticism rather than of hostility. The newspapers are devoting themselves to the framing of possible cabinets, and incidentally are so wrapped up in the burning question as to whether Lloyd George can be called a conspirator and whether a government consisting largely of men unused to politics can be as efficient as one recruited from the traditional ruling class, that they give comparatively little attention to the events of the war.

A surprise was the announcement made by Viscount Grey in the Liberal conference that Arthur J. Balfour would succeed him in the foreign office with Lord Robert Cecil continuing as under-secretary. Lord Curzon, qualified by former service in the foreign office as Indian viceroy, had been thought assured of the honor.

The choice of Balfour came from a clear sky and aroused instant protest from papers which rated him as one of the "wait-and-see" school.

Bonar Law for chancellor of the exchequer is a popular selection, as he combines business and political experience as do few other public men. Equal approval is given to Lord Derby as head of the war office and Dr. Addison as the minister of munitions, but the proposal of Sir Edward Carson for the admiralty finds less favor.

Lord Curzon will have one of the highest posts and will be leader of the government in the House of Lords. Col. Winston Churchill apparently is to remain out in the cold.

This nucleus, with a number of practical business men in other positions, is considered to make a strong showing. Premier Lloyd George's programme is for the reorganization of the country for war on a sweeping Socialistic basis and the general comment is that only a cabinet of super-men can accomplish and conduct such a revolution. In addition to the nationalization of shipping, mines and agriculture, drastic reforms in the drink problem and the temporary settlement of the chaos in Ireland are discussed as the major tasks confronting the new administration in the home field.

The appointment of Mr. Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil to the foreign office is welcomed in the London press, except by Lord Northcliffe's newspapers. Even the Tory Post, which has been bitter against the Asquith government, speaks of Mr. Balfour's staunch attitude throughout the recent crisis, but says there may be some doubts as to whether his delicate methods in handling the affairs in the foreign office would be able to counter the brutal and robust methods of the Germans.

The Liberal Daily News and the Liberal Daily Chronicle endorse the selection of Mr. Balfour enthusiastically. The Times' condemnation of the appointment is restrained, but it regrets that he has been named for a post "where ruthlessness is needed," and equally deplores the appointment of Lord Robert Cecil, who, it says, is "apparently more in sympathy with the spirit of the old government than that of the new."

The Mail devotes to those two appointments an entire editorial headed: "How to Lose the War," but its language in condemning the appointments as a "grievous misfortune" is less violent than its criticisms of Balfour and Lord Robert before the change in the ministry. It calls Lord Robert a "sentimentalist," and says his tenderness to neutral nations and "foolish agreements" with their traders already has cost the empire a heavy price.

The Economist, in an editorial dealing with the political changes, argues that the late government at times was hesitant, and failed to use the great opportunities which the nation's magnificent spirit put in its hand. "Under its rule," says the Economist, "the country astonished the world by its achievements in war, in industry and in finance, but the country was always ahead of the government, and felt that it could have done more with a more energetic leadership. There is some danger, however, that the new leaders will give us violence instead of vigor and recklessness instead of courage."

The newspaper proceeds to criticize Lloyd George's financial record as good and bad. It says he did very well at the beginning of the war, when he forced an unparalleled situation with boldness and dexterity, but that he fell ill in the spring of 1915, when he failed to impose a pennyworth of taxation to enforce a reduction in consumption, which was the country's most serious need.

"The United States federal reserve board's action against banks of the reserve investing in loans by the warring powers makes it more than ever necessary that we should rely on our own productive power," says the Economist.

## ADMIRALTY ISSUES WARNING TO SHIPS

Armed German Vessel Has Been Sighted in the North Atlantic

London, Dec. 9.—The admiralty announced last night that a report had been received that a disguised armed German vessel of mercantile type was sighted in the North Atlantic on December 4. No further information has been received concerning the vessel's movements, the admiralty adds.

Halifax, Dec. 9.—Entente allied shipping was warned by the British naval authorities last night to be on the lookout for a strange vessel, believed to be a raider, which was intercepted on December 2, off the northwestern coast of Scotland, and allowed to proceed, under the impression that she was the Dutch steamer Gamma. Later it was learned that the Gamma was at Kirkwall on that date, and did not leave until December 3.

The identity of the supposed raider has not been determined. Admiralty officials apparently suspect that if she is a hostile craft she may carry mines for dropping off this port. The vessel could reach here by to-day or to-morrow. The text of the warning follows: "A vessel was intercepted at 3 a. m., December 3, in lat. 59° 38' N., long. 12° 42' W., and was allowed to proceed under the impression that she was a vessel named Gamma. The latter was at Kirkwall at the time, clearing 11 a. m., December 3.

"Identity of former not yet established, but description is as follows: 1,100 tons, black hull with red bottom, with upper works, one funnel. Thought to be plain black. No Dutch flag on bow. Ship was apparently in ballast, steering a course about west-southwest. Vessel may be a raider."

### SCOTTISH FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Glasgow, Dec. 9.—The following are results of soccer games played to-day on the grounds of the first named clubs: **Airdrieonians**, 2; **Rangers**, 0. **Celtic**, 5; **Ayr United**, 0. **Queen's Park**, 3; **Morton**, 4. **Blackburn**, 2; **St. Mirren**, 1. **Falkirk**, 3; **Clyde**, 2. **Dundee**, 6; **Rath Rovers**, 2. **Kilmarnock**, 4; **Hamilton Academicals**, 0. **Motherwell**, 2; **Hearts**, 0. **Dumbarton**, 2; **Third Lanark**, 0. **Hibernians**, 3; **Aberdeen**, 5.

### TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Wheat closed 2½c. higher for Dec. and May. Oats were 1½c. higher for December and 1½c. higher for May. Barley was from unchanged to 2c. lower. Flax gained 2½c. to 2½c. All markets closed around the high points of the day. Trade was small in the week-end market. Evening-up commitments occupied most of the day. Wheat looked weak in Chicago and Winnipeg dragged in sympathy until near the close when the sentiment changed. Better shipping conditions are expected from the change in government which helped clear the air some and created a friendly feeling. The local trade was mostly made up of scalping. There was no outside interest.

The cash market showed a fair demand for wheat at unchanged premiums with government interests the buyers. Oats were little changed but show signs of sagging. Barley was weak with flax going through the option.

### NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By Wire & Co.)  
Aris. Copperfields..... 1 1/2  
Cana. Copper..... 1 1/2  
Crown Reserve..... 40  
Em. Phone..... 114  
Goldfield..... 40  
Hedley Gold..... 40  
Hollinger..... 40  
Horse Sound..... 40  
Kerr Lake..... 40  
Emma Copper..... 24  
Green Monster..... 24  
Jerome Verde..... 18  
Big ledge..... 32  
Inspiration Needles..... 32  
La Rose..... 60  
Magma..... 60  
Midvale..... 60  
Stamps of Ama..... 60  
Nipissing..... 60  
Standard Lead..... 14  
Stewart..... 30  
Submarine..... 37  
Succinea..... 55  
Tonahap..... 46  
Yukon..... 28  
United Verde Ext..... 40  
Tonahap Exten..... 40  
Mason Valley..... 71

### WHEAT IN CHICAGO

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### COPPER MARKET.

New York, Dec. 9.—The copper market has shown continued firmness during the week. Small sales of electrolytic have been reported for delivery during the first quarter of 1947, but supplies offering for shipment during the first three months of 1947 are so light and scattered that the quotation is practically nominal. Leading agencies to-day quoted prices ranging from 32 to 34 for the second and third quarters. Iron was firm and unchanged.

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

### MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)  
Montreal, Dec. 9.—The local market was devoid of special features this forenoon. The stocks which were strong yesterday held well during the early part of the session. Steadiness common and the steel were in fair demand. The weakness in Wall street toward the close tended to cool the bullish enthusiasm, however, and closing prices were generally below yesterday's finals. Outside holdings of the stocks were very large and a break in Americans would undoubtedly result in withdrawal of support in our market.

### NEW YORK EXCHANGE

(By Wire & Co.)  
New York, Dec. 9.—The stock market seemed to be affected by the news that the British government had placed a ban on the importation of copper and that no further importation or dealings in copper will be allowed without special permit, which news caused a decline on the exchange. U. S. Steel opened at 125½ and sold down to 123½, closing firmer at 124½. The copper stocks declined generally. Utah and Anaconda both selling off about a point and a half. Rails also slightly lower.

Bank statement: Average loans, Dec. \$2,622,000; demand deposits, Dec. \$18,905,000; time deposits, Dec. \$45,800,000; reserves, Dec. \$37,559,000; actual loans, Dec. \$35,509,000; net demand deposits, Dec. \$28,587,000; time deposits, Dec. \$152,000; reserve, Dec. \$32,739,000.

	High	Low	Close
Ames Holden, com.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel.	146 B	146 B	146 B
Brazilian Traction	45	45	45
C. P. R.	167 1/2	167 1/2	167 1/2
Can. Cement, com.	72	71 3/4	71 3/4
Do, pref.	95	95	95
Can. Pac. Ry., com.	82	82	82
Do, pref.	82	82	82
Can. S. S., com.	42	42	42
Do, pref.	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Can. Locomotive	56	56	56
Can. Cottons	52	52	52
Can. Gen. Elec.	129	129	129
Cons. Smelters	89	89	89
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	82	81 1/2	81 1/2
R. C. Fish	55	55	55
Dom. Bridge	195	195	195
Dom. Textile	84	84	84
Dom. I. & S.	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Lyall Const. Co.	57	57	57
Laurentide Co.	208 B	208 B	208 B
Laurentide Power	60 A	60 A	60 A
Lake of Woods Milling	122 A	122 A	122 A
Montreal Tram	40	40	40
Montreal Cottons	53	53	53
MacDonald Co.	115 A	115 A	115 A
Maple Leaf Mfg., com.	112 A	112 A	112 A
N. S. Steel, com.	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
N. S. Steel Prods.	89	89	89
Ogilvie Mfg. Co.	145 B	145 B	145 B
Ontario Paper	86 A	86 A	86 A
Pennamk, Ltd.	72 B	72 B	72 B
Quebec Paper Co.	43	43	43
Riondon Paper Co.	141	140	140
Shawinigan	133 B	133 B	133 B
Steel of Can., com.	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Do, pref.	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Smith-Elgin	20	20	20
Do, pref.	65 A	65 A	65 A
Toronto Railway	80	80	80
Twin City Elec.	96 B	96 B	96 B
Winnipeg Elec.	105	105	105
Winnipeg Ry.	105	105	105
War Loan (old)	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Dom. War Loan (new)	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2

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### VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

Blackbird Syndicate..... 23.00  
Can. Copper..... 2.00  
Can. Const. S. & L..... 44.00  
Coronation Gold..... 63.00  
Granby..... 107.00  
Int. Coal & Coke Co..... 97.11  
Lucky Jim Zinc..... 123.14  
McIntyre Coal..... 14  
P. C. Tunnels..... 111.11  
Portland Canal..... 30.11  
Ramblers Cariboo..... 18.30  
Standard Lead..... 1.25  
Snowstorm..... 64  
Stewart & D. D..... 76  
Stewart Star..... 36  
Stewart Lead..... 76  
Unlisted..... 36  
Glacier Creek..... 34  
Island Investment..... 30.00  
Union Club (Deb.), new..... 40.00  
Do, old..... 20.00  
Howe Sound M. Co..... 7.50  
Colonial Pulp..... 35  
Pioneer Mines..... 10

### NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire & Co.)  
Open. High. Low. Close.  
Jan..... 19.00 19.02 18.35 18.75-82  
March..... 19.25 19.28 18.50 19.00-06  
May..... 19.46 19.49 18.80 19.25-27  
July..... 19.50 19.54 18.90 19.32-33  
Oct..... 17.88 17.68 17.00 17.34-36  
Dec..... 18.80 18.88 18.55 18.72-74

### NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Dec. 9.—Raw sugar: molasses, 44.50; centrifugal, 45.00; refined: white, 46.00; fine granulated, 47.50.

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**DINING-ROOM**—Handsome White Enamelled Dining-Room Suite after Sheraton, including 6 ft. Circular Dining Table with Silent Cloth and extra Cover, set of 6 and 2 Arm Chairs, Hair Stuffed and covered in Crimson Leather, 7 ft. Circular Front Sideboard inlaid with Brass; Dinner Wagon, Pair of Striped Crimson Plush Window Curtains, Hammered Steel Fender and Set of Fire Irons to match, Donegal Carpet, 15 x 14 ft. four Rugs, etc.

**CONSERVATORY**—Oleander, Chrysanthemums, Azaleas, Ferns, etc.

**STUDY**—Oak Revolving Top Desk, Library Table, Deep Stuffed Arm Chairs with leather Cushions, Oak Settee with Leather Cushions, Morris Chairs, Oak Arm Chair, Easy Chair covered in Morocco Leather, El. Standard Lamp, Ball Frame Chair, Work Basket, Fire Screen, Fire Basket and Hooks, Coal Scuttle, Paper Basket, Chandeliers, Mosaic-patterned Carpet, Brass El. Stool, etc.

**HALL**—Oak Hall Stand, Grandfather Clock in very handsome Carved Oak Case, with Westminster Chimes; very fine Old English Gate Leg Dining Table, Rosewood Inlaid Barometer and Thermometer, Brass Umbrella Stand, Brass Pedestal and Jardiniere, Case Newspaper Rack, Moorish Inlaid Fire Screen, 2 Up. Willow Chairs, Rush Seat Arm Chair, Gung, Brass Ornaments, 3 Oriental Rugs, etc.

**BEDROOM I**—Pair of Enamelled Oak Twin Bedsteads with Patent Spring Mattresses and Horse Hair Overlays, Oak Dressing Table, Chest of Drawers, Pedestal, Chairs, Secretaire Bookcase, Oc. Tables, Chintz Curtains, Bordered Wool Carpet, etc.

**BEDROOM II**—Oak Enamelled Bedstead, Spring and Horse Hair Mattresses, handsome Oak Bureau, Pedestal Chairs, Deep Stuffed Chair, Grass Chairs, El. Reading Lamp, Window Curtains, Bordered Wool Carpet, etc.

**BEDROOM III**—Pair of White Enamelled Twin Bedsteads, Spring and Top Mattresses, Hardwood White Enamelled Bedstead Suite consisting of Dressing Table, Chest of Drawers, Writing and Oc. Tables, Chairs, and Dress Table; Deep Stuffed Easy Chair, Grass Chairs, Stools, Fire Screen, El. Reading Lamp, Boot Cupboard, Coal Scuttle, Brussels Carpet, 13 x 14 ft., Rug, Window Curtains, etc.

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**BEDROOM IV**—Very heavy Brass Bedstead with Horse Hair Mattresses, 3 ft. Mahogany Round Corner Wardrobe, do. Toilet Table, Old English Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Mah. Pedestal, Mah. and Inlaid Chairs, Mah. Writing Table by Gillow, Washstand, Set of Toilet Ware, Oc. Table, El. Reading Lamp, Curtains, Oriental Carpet, 9 x 9 ft., three Axminster Rugs, etc.

**BEDROOM V**—White En. Bedstead, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Bureau and Washstand en suite, Toilet Ware, English Davenport Writing Desk, Grass Chairs, Bordered Wool Carpet, Curtains, etc.

**SEWING ROOM**—Singer's Drop-Head Cabinet Sewing Machine, 3-Fold Screen, large Sewing Cupboard, Mirror in Carved Frame, Oak Bureau, 4 Chairs, Stretcher and Mattress, Dress Model, Linoleum, etc.

**LANDING AND STAIRCASE**—Brussels Stair Carpet, 42 in. wide; Landing Carpets to match, very fine Upright Mahogany French Secretaire, Oriental Walnut, Carved Oak Settee covered in Tapestry, El. Vacuum Cleaner complete, Carpet Sweepers, etc.

**LINEN**—A small quantity of Household Linen, Blankets, Eldersdown Quilts, Feather Pillows, Cushions, about 80 yards of new Crettonne, etc.

**PLATE**—Set of Entree Dishes, Soup Tureen, Pair of Candelabra, Tea Set, 4 Silver Vases, Salver, Carvers and Broad Knives, Forks, Spoons, Oak Tantalus with Cut Glass Bottles and Spirit Glasses, Rosewood and Buhl Spirit Cabinet with Cut Decanters, and a quantity of other E. P. Goods.

**CHINA, GLASS, ETC.**—Wedgewood Dinner Service, Copeland Breakfast Service, 4 Sets of Black Coffee Cups and Saucers, Tea Services, Venetian Champagne and Liqueur Glasses, Cut Glass Tumblers, Wine, Liqueur and other Glasses, etc.

**KITCHEN**—"Empress" Range, Electric Range, Kitchen Tables and Chairs, Cooking Utensils, Scales and Weights, El. Iron, Crockery, Set of Dish Covers, Wringers, Rollers, Brooms, Scales, a large quantity of Home-Made Jams, Refrigerator, Meat Safe, etc., etc.

**OUTSIDE**—Garden Tools, Hose, Sprays, Roller, Steps, Seats, Dog Kennel, Two Minton Tile Window Boxes, Plants in Tube, Bulbs, Tubers, two Folding Veranda Chairs, two Rustic Benches, Wheelbarrow, Garbage Cans, large Cocoa Door Mats, etc.

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**KITCHEN**—Canada Ideal Range, Kitchen Tables and Chairs, Cooking Utensils, Clothes Horse, Crockery, Brooms, Linoleum, Steps, Wringers, Garden Tools, 2 Lawn Mowers, Hose, Boiler, etc.

**BEDROOMS**—Pair of Brass Twin Bedsteads, very fine; Mahogany Chest of Drawers, very heavy Double Brass Bedstead with Spring and Horse Hair Mattresses, Brass and Iron Bedstead and Mattresses, very handsome Mahogany Dressing Table, Mahogany Oc. Table, Circassian Walnut Chest of Drawers, ditto Dressing Table, Chairs, Hall Runner, Household Linen, Pillows, Elder Down, Electric Fittings, etc.

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**PATRIOTIC AID FUND STEADILY GROWING**

Subscriptions Continue to Roll in; Concert Next Week

In making the estimate for the year, subscriptions which are being paid regularly from month to month "for the duration of the war" have been considered, and these, the committee of the Patriotic Aid society campaign fund estimate will amount to something approximating \$60,000. Of this amount \$7,684 is subscribed annually by the civil service employees, exclusive of the \$21,500 per annum subscribed by the provincial government buildings employees.

Cash subscriptions and promised donations continue to be reported in very gratifying numbers. In announcing the donation from D. E. Campbell yesterday a misleading impression was conveyed. Mr. Campbell has subscribed \$600, of which \$300 has already been paid. The committee yesterday had a very satisfactory interview with the employees of the Cameron-Gordon Shipbuilding company, brief minute addresses being given by Messrs. Barton, Castle and Plummer.

The following are some of the twelve-month subscriptions noted in the list of the Government street canvass:

Hall & Walker	\$300.00
Fletcher Bros.	240.00
O'Connell's, Ltd.	60.00
Munday's	60.00
A. E. Matheson	60.00
H. O. Kirkham	60.00
F. A. Gowan	60.00
C. W. Rogers	300.00
Windsor Grocery Co.	24.00
E. E. Blackwood	12.00
W. A. Dooly	12.00
T. Yoshida	12.00
Maryland Cafe	30.00
G. Antipas	2.00
Henry Greenfield	10.00
Brown & Cooper	5.00
John D. McPherson	2.00

Sundry cash donations received include the following:

A. Pauper	\$ 5.00
Miss McLintock	25.00
Hon. Burke Roche (monthly)	5.00
A. J. Woodward (monthly)	10.00
Mr. Mary Ritter Hamilton	1.00
W. A. Schmidt	1.00
Worthington Bros.	100.00
Frank Calvert	25.00
Chinn Bros.	5.00
H. H. Icke	20.00
J. W. Fuglie	5.00
J. A. Beedham	10.00
George Kirkendale	20.00
Clifford Denham	10.00
Dr. J. F. Grant	10.00
Walter Shottolt	10.00
C. H. Chaston	25.00
R. Seabrook	40.00
A. B. Cotton	60.00
Arthur Mayne	50.00
William Cain	1.00
T. S. Gore	5.00
P. E. Curtis	50.00
Williams, Terrie & Williams	30.00

The B. C. Funeral company has promised a donation of \$150, and it was very gratifying to have a \$1,000 subscription from the B. C. Telephone company.

The grand patriotic concert in aid of the fund, which is being arranged by J. O. Dunford, is to take place at the Old Victoria theatre on Wednesday, December 13, commencing at 8:15 sharp. The concert is to be a popular one at a popular price, 25 cents to all parts of the house. There will be no reserve seats. Everyone is asked to support the undertaking, thus giving earnest of their sympathy with the work. The theatre has been kindly lent without charge by David Spencer, Ltd., and the entertainment is under the distinguished patronage of his honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Barnard, Hon. H. C. Brewster, premier of the province, and his worship the mayor and Mrs. Stewart.

Tickets may be procured at the Victoria Patriotic society's headquarters, 506 View street, or at the theatre door on the night of the entertainment.

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**UNUSUAL CHARGE COMMENCED TO-DAY**

Man is Accused of Having Assisted Soldiers to Desert From Ranks

A man of foreign appearance, George Drieszus, appeared in the city police court to-day on an unusual charge. He was arraigned as follows: "Not being an enlisted soldier in His Majesty's military service or a seaman in His Majesty's naval service, he did unlawfully by words and with money procure one S—, private in the 143rd Overseas Battalion, C. E. F., to desert from His Majesty's military service."

Magistrate Jay stated that it appeared to be desirable, since it was a case triable either by indictment or summarily, to hold a preliminary investigation to see whether the accused should be sent up for trial.

The prisoner was remanded till Monday, on the understanding that a further adjournment may be necessary. Drieszus, who came here, so the police state, from Leduc, Alberta, and had the return part of a railway ticket to that point when searched, has been under surveillance for some time. The allegation will be made, according to the military police of the 143rd Battalion, that he assisted deserters from the battalion to get away to the American side, supplying them with civilian clothing and destroying the military uniforms.

The specific case which will be the subject of evidence is that of an absentee, who was accidentally in the company of the accused, and who was invited to desert, an undertaking being given to him to get rid of the clothing.

Accused has been endeavoring to leave the city and had applied to the Registrar of Alien Enemies for the necessary documents. Pending an examination of the subject, it is assumed he was registered in Alberta.

When arrested prisoner was well supplied with funds, and had the appearance of comparative prosperity.

**VANCOUVER SCHOOL WINS THOMPSON CUP**

King Edward Pupils Defeat Local High School Boys To-day

The Rugby game played this morning between the Victoria High School and the King Edward High School of Vancouver for the possession of the Thompson Cup, resulted in a win for the visitors by a score of 14 to 0.

A large crowd was present at the Hayward avenue grounds to witness the match. The ground was in good condition and the players took advantage of this fact to exhibit some excellent work.

At the start Vancouver made two rushes, but before they reached the line, in the first, the whistle stopped them, and in the second the splendid tackling of the defence men prevented the visitors from scoring. At this point the work of F. Stevens was especially noticeable, for although it was his first game on the team he did some tackling that was well worthy of an experienced player.

Following the burst from the Vancouver boys, Victoria was awarded a free kick, and for the first time the ball was carried by them into the enemy territory. But fortune seemed to be against them, for just as they were beginning to take the offensive they lost the ball and again the play returned to the Victoria ground.

However, no score was made owing to the fine game played by MacNamee, Duncan and Stevens, and when referee F. A. Sparks blew his whistle for half-time no points had been scored.

In the second half Vancouver held the supremacy, and with their superior weight continually bore down on the defence of the home team. At this point of the play, McGregor was hurt and forced to retire from the field, but with his usual pluck he soon pulled himself together and returned. After this Alexander lagged and Ross was substituted in his place. This appeared to demoralize the team slightly, and when the play was again resumed Vancouver made the first three points. The kick-over was successful, which raised their total to five. Urged on by this misfortune, Victoria rallied and made a well directed rush, but here again the weight of their opponents was the means of their failure to reach the touch line. From this on the game was entirely in favor of the Vancouver boys. Three more touches were added to their score, although they failed to convert. When the whistle was blown for time the result was 14-0 in favor of the visitors.

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**FIRE INSURANCE RISKS**

Some Figures Presented Yesterday on Cost of Operating Companies.

Replying to the criticism about the cost of operating fire insurance companies, in the conference between the members of city council and the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association held yesterday afternoon, J. L. Noble, secretary of the association, gave some figures on the situation. He said in part:

"If the figures of the superintendent of insurance for the province are considered, they show that in 1915, 96 board companies doing business collected \$2,363,117.88, and paid in losses \$1,128,782.39 and 19 non-board companies collected \$317,050.78, and paid in losses \$184,976.93. Taking the board companies, and deducting for expenses and losses, we find that \$588,084.42 was the profit. If all those companies had earned incomes in the same proportion, each company made a profit of \$6,126.33. The amount of risk the board companies had on their books at December 31, 1915, was approximately \$240,272,170. If each company wrote the same amount of business, we then conclude that for a profit of \$436,333, they assume a liability of \$2,592,837, and from that profit provision must be made for confederation reserve fund. The figures of 119 companies show 15 non-board with average rate of \$1.73; 31 board companies, with average rate of \$1.64.

Ten per cent. of the board companies transacted business at a loss during 1915, without paying for expenses (about 40 per cent), and similarly 16 per cent. of the non-board. Fifteen per cent. of board companies transacted business at a loss, after paying expenses, and 21 per cent. of the non-board companies similarly, thus 25 per cent. of the board companies, and 37 per cent. of the non-board companies were carried on last year at a loss."

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13. Black Heifer, due Jan. 1st.
14. Grade Holstein, 5 yrs. Milk 7 gals. when fresh. Bred Sept. 18th.
15. Blue Roan Cow, 5 yrs., bred Sept. 18th. Milk 7 gals. when fresh.
16. Madeline Beauty, 15,735, born March 8th, 1910. First and championship Saanichton, 1916, only time shown. Milk 8 gals. when fresh. Bred July 1st.
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## URGENT REDUCTION OF INSURANCE RATES

Aldermen Present Case to Executive of Fire Underwriters' Association

For two hours yesterday afternoon the request of the city council for a recommendation in favor of lower fire insurance rates by the Vancouver Island and Fire Underwriters' Association to the head office of the board companies was discussed with members of the Underwriters' Association in the offices of the latter body.

While the aldermen spoke on the subject the case for a reduction based on fire department improvements, increased water supply and low fire losses was very well put by Alderman Fullerton, chairman of the fire wardens committee, who utilized most of the arguments which have recently appeared in this paper.

John L. Noble, secretary of the association, replied at length for the Underwriters' Association, and explained at some detail how board fire insurance business is organized, and the method of rating, how it is conducted with a view to meeting the special circumstances of large conflagrations which make a heavy demand on companies. When he began to point out that the prospective risk of a conflagration here is not too remote and may have to be faced eventually, the picking of holes in the fire protection service of Victoria did not please the aldermen.

They were inclined to interrupt the speaker, particularly when Mr. Noble referred to the last reduction as a 15 per cent. one here.

Alderman Todd rose to deny it, stating that the committee at that time had gone most exhaustively into the question and could not satisfy themselves that the reduction was more than 10 to 11 per cent.

However, Mr. Noble stuck to his argument, declaring that the high cost of operation in insurance company management, together with serious losses, made the aggregate dividends paid to shareholders small, while provision had to be made to create a reserve against any contingency. The reasons that had been advanced for lower quotations for business by non-board companies was that the rating obtained after inspection by a board association naturally added to the cost. The non-board men took advantage of the fact by securing that information from the prospective police-holder, and then underbidding the quotation of the board company.

At the conclusion, however, Mr. Noble did give the aldermen some encouragement by stating that the board's executive had already some recommendations in the advisory committee for reductions in certain classes of risks in Victoria. He did not know when the result of that petition might be learnt here.

The aldermanic case for lower rates indicated that unless there is reduction the citizens will be driven to curtail the fire protection services which are proving so expensive. That course will be adopted with reluctance, but the public is getting restive under present conditions, feeling that it is paying for the neglected communities in other parts of the west where fire protection is adequate.

Chief Davis said the fire underwriters had co-operated with him well in carrying out the fire prevention by law, by drawing his attention to matters which ought to be rectified. The inspections by the department had been an important factor in clearing up the city of potential causes of outbreaks.

J. E. Wilson, who attended with J. Fletcher on behalf of the Retail Merchants' Association, gave some valuable statistics on fire insurance in this country, and also in the United States. After quoting figures to show how profitable as investments were some of the large fire companies in the United States, he stated the percentage of profits to insurance companies on business done in this city with a premium income estimated at \$300,000. In 1910, the year of the Spencer fire, companies suffered a loss of 99 per cent. In 1911, however, they made a profit of 52 per cent. From this, there has been the following increase of profits: 1912, 55 per cent; 1913, 84 per cent; 1914, 84 per cent; 1915, 90 per cent; 1916 to date, 90 per cent.

He also was able to show from personal experience that the non-board rates are lower than the board companies, and their agents themselves getting a considerable amount of business.

Beyond the fact that the underwriters have already taken the subject up with their head offices, the deputations was unable to secure any promise and eventually withdrew.

L. U. Conyers occupied the chair tactfully, and several members of the board were present. The Rotary Club was represented by President P. C. Abell.

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## CASUALTY INSURANCE UNDER DISCUSSION

Delegation Meets Government and Asks for Changes

Amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act at the coming session was asked for yesterday by a delegation of casualty insurance men and employers which, as stated in yesterday's paper, waited on the government. The delegation asked, through Harold B. Robertson, that employers of labor be given one of three options, to take advantage of the accident fund provided by the act; to carry their casualty insurance with companies approved by the Workmen's Compensation Board; or to carry their own insurance when firms are sufficiently strong financially.

The reputation was a representative one, the personnel being: N. Yarrow, of Yarrow's, Limited; R. R. Neild, of the Victoria Machinery Depot; H. J. Scott, of Canadian Explosives, Limited; G. Kidd, general manager, and A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Company; James Leigh, of James Leigh & Sons; Mr. Elgee, of Sir John Jackson (Canada), Limited. The insurance companies were represented by Messrs. John Hart, M.P.P., and Mann, of Victoria, and Messrs. Wright, Faulkner and Roden, of Vancouver.

Mr. Robertson presented two petitions, one signed by one thousand employers of labor in different parts of the province, and the other signed by about twelve hundred businessmen who are interested in the matter and strongly supporting the employers' requests.

It was pointed out by the spokesman that the insurance companies are willing to write a form of policy approved by the board, to put up their end of the arrangement, to charge such rates as are approved by the board and to pay a share of the cost of the operation of the compensation board. This, it was claimed, would in no manner interfere with the rights of the employees nor those of the insurance companies or their employers.

The benefit of this plan would be that employers might, by carefully looking after the safety of their employees, reduce the risk and thus secure favorable rates from the companies, and they would be better able to estimate beforehand what the charges against their plants would be. Under the present act, which would come into force at the beginning of the year, there was no assurance that the rate set at the beginning of the year would be followed should the rate prove insufficient to meet all claims. The proposal would not in any way interfere with the principle which required the prompt settling of claims without the possibility of delay through litigation.

Mr. Robertson claimed that the whole subject of workmen's compensation is as yet only in the experimental stage and has not been long enough in operation anywhere to allow of any satisfactory scheme being worked out. Hon. Mr. Brewster promised consideration on the part of the cabinet.

## RECOMMEND SETTLEMENT

Pole Difficulty on Four Streets Appears to Be Cleared Up Now.

With one dissent, the aldermen in streets committee of the council yesterday decided to adopt a common sense view rather than a strictly technical one with regard to a number of street poles, and recommend to the council on Monday issuance to the B. C. Telephone Co. of the certificate under the Underground Telephone By-Law. These poles are on Pandora, Fort, Broad and Bastion streets. Pandora street poles will not be disturbed, the others will have the wiring rearranged, and Fort street poles will be removed as soon as the street railway company has time to erect others to carry the trolley wires.

The engineer and electrician had recommended a compromise, while the aldermen's opinion has already been stated, that the certificate cannot be issued till the existing poles have been removed.

The mayor objected to the council placing itself in the position of ordering poles to be removed by one company and re-erected by another.

Alderman Cameron strongly supported a practical view of settlement, with the council taking responsibility for departure from the strict wording of the by-law in the public interest, a course which Alderman Fullerton commended.

Alderman Todd urged caution in dealing with the question. However, the motion to recommend a settlement was then adopted.

## NATURAL HISTORY MEETING

Executive Arrange for Course of Lectures; School Board Invited.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Natural History Society held in the rooms in the Jones Block, with President A. R. Shorwood in the chair, final arrangements were made for the lecture on Scientific Forestry to be given on Monday evening by M. A. Grainger, chief forester for the province of British Columbia. This lecture will be of an educational nature, and will be illustrated by a number of slides. As this is looked upon as one of the important meetings of the season, the members of the local school board have been invited to attend. Other papers have been arranged as follows: "Birds Nesting Around the North Sea," by F. S. Mitchell, January 8, "Ecological Entomology," by Dr. Cameron, January 22. Dates also are being arranged for lectures by Capt. Sidney Williams, A. W. McCurdy, M. P. P., Dr. Toimie, R. C. Treherne and several others.

## OAK BAY POPULATION STEADILY INCREASING

Water Records Are Clear Indication; Interesting Figures

That the population of the municipality of Oak Bay is increasing is shown by the records of the water department. The total number of water services in Oak Bay is 1,016, but as a few of these are not for houses and in some cases are used only in the summer time, it is plain that the average number of services must be a good deal less than that. The average for the eleven months of this year is \$22 as against \$15 last year, \$22 in 1914, \$21 in 1913, and \$14 in 1912. This record speaks for itself.

Naturally during the summer months the number of services is greater, as a few people move into apartments for the winter months, and the result is that some of the services are discontinued. There are throughout the municipality a few empty houses, necessitated by the changes which are constantly occurring, but house hunters find it extremely difficult to secure anything suitable. So much is this true that there is a slight tendency to stiffen on the rents, not only in Oak Bay but throughout Victoria.

The total receipts for water for the eleven months just past is \$7,550, whereas the total receipts for the whole of last year totalled \$6,917. The payments have been made much more regularly this year than last, probably as a result of the change in system by which there is a small discount given for prompt payment.

The record of consumption indicates that the water has been used very economically; for, putting the population at 5,100 the quantity used throughout the municipality, including the flushing of sewers and all other public works, amounted to only 58 gallons for each person every 24 hours. This is one of the lowest records for any city or municipality on the continent.

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